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## GRAVE HANKOW HAPPENINGS.

### MOBS INVADE BRITISH CONCESSION.

### JAPANESE REPORT OF BRITISH EXPULSION.

### WAR MEMORIAL DAMAGED.

Reports of further sensational happenings at Hankow are to hand this afternoon, one Japanese telegram reporting that Chinese have entered the British Concession, occupied the Customs House and Municipal Buildings and "expelled the British from the Concession."

The Japanese report is not yet confirmed by Reuter's messages which, however, were dispatched earlier and give a graphic account of the invasion of the Concession.

The new affair began with a mass meeting at which a Society to disarm the British forces and take back the Concessions was formed. During the course of the evening happenings the British War Memorial was partially destroyed.

Shanghai, Jan. 5.

A message from Hankow states that at seven o'clock last evening, Chinese entered the British Concession, occupied the Customs House and Municipal Building and "expelled the British from the Concession."

Chinese police are patrolling the Concession, and keeping order.—Reuter.

#### ANTI-BRITISH MEETING.

Shanghai, Later.

The news of the British having been driven out of the Concession comes from Hankow from a Japanese source.

The latest Reuter telegram to be received here from Hankow is as follows:—

Hankow, 5.20 p.m. Jan. 4.

A big mass meeting this morning was attended by representatives of Government Departments and all Unions. Government speakers and agitators delivered speeches regarding yesterday's incident, stating that several Chinese were killed and wounded by British Marines.

The object of the meeting was to form a society to disarm the British forces and to take back the Concessions. Resolutions were also passed to send a telegram message all over the world, emphasizing "British cruelty in wounding innocent people."

A further meeting of the Executive is being held at seven o'clock this morning.

At 3.30 this afternoon crowds were gathering on the Bund and at the British Police Station. Trouble is expected and the Volunteers are standing by.

After the crowds on the Bund and outside the police station had been driven back, the Chinese authorities promised to send troops.

#### NO MARINES LANDED.

As the result of an agreement between the Chinese and the British authorities this morning leaving the Chinese to maintain order, the Marines were not landed and consequently the barricades to the Concession were not guarded.

By 5.30 in the afternoon all the sand-bag barricades in the roads to the Concession were removed by sections of the mob who were apparently acting under an organized plan. The Volunteers were then called out.

#### WAR MEMORIAL DAMAGED.

At 5.30 the crowds were gradually invading the Concession. The British War Memorial, opposite the Consulate, was partially destroyed.

The defence forces are adequate and the situation at the moment is not serious. Chinese troops, sent by the Chinese authorities, are able to cope with the situation.—Reuter.

#### WITHDRAWAL EXPLAINED.

Shanghai, 1 p.m. to-day.

So far there has been no confirmation of reports issued by the official Japanese Agency, Toho, that the Hankow Municipal Council and Customs House had been seized and that the Britishers have been driven out of the Concession.

Nevertheless, the situation is known to be critical, as the British authorities felt that it was impossible to hold the masses of Chinese who were in ugly mood, without firing. Hence, the reason for leaving the Concession in the charge of the Cantonese forces.

The British Authorities here believe that if the British Marines were forced to land again there would be an immediate crisis, necessitating the use of force and eventual evacuation. The British force available was quite inadequate to deal with the situation had they not retired, and in all probability they would have been overwhelmed with great resultant danger to the civil population.

There is a disposition in certain quarters to regard the episode as having been stage-managed by the extremist section of the Cantonese Government.—Reuter.

#### MONDAY'S AFFAIR.

Rugby, Jan. 4.

Hankow telegrams report that a large Chinese mob, incited by anti-foreign agitators, yesterday attempted to enter the British Concession.

Sailors and marines were landed from British naval vessels in the river to help the Volunteers to defend the Concession. Throughout the afternoon they were subjected to showers of stones and brick.

In clearing the undefended foreground of part of the mob, a small party of blue-jackets was assailed with heavy poles and some received severe injuries. Several Chinese were hurt when the blue-jackets were rescuing their comrades.

#### INTENSE PROVOCATION.

Not a single shot was fired by the naval ratings or Volunteers, despite intense provocation, and correspondents pay a tribute to their remarkable self-control.

In the evening, the Chinese

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## LATEST PIRACY.

### FOREIGN OFFICER'S ESCAPE.

### TWO OF CREW DROWNED.

News from our Swatow correspondent regarding the piracy of the Chinese steamer Heng An, briefly reported yesterday, shows that the vessel was actually taken to Bias Bay, where her cargo was taken off, and that the Chief Officer, a Norwegian, had a narrow escape when a boat which was being sent ashore off Pinghoi "captured," two of the Chinese crew being drowned.

#### CONTROL SECURED.

Writing under yesterday's date, our correspondent says that the Heng An, a vessel of about 1,500 tons, has just arrived there, after having been taken into Bias Bay, whilst en route to Canton. It appears that a number of passengers, said to be about thirty, took passage by the Heng An from Swatow to Canton and en route carried out the usual pirates' plan of holding up the Captain and officers and proceeding to Bias Bay.

There were several cases of tin-foil on board and these were apparently mistaken for silver.

#### BOAT CAPSIZED.

On arrival at Bias Bay, derricks were rigged and the whole of the tin-foil was discharged into junks. Prior to this, further up the coast, a boat containing the Chief Officer and some of the crew, was sent ashore, and on the way the boat struck a submerged rock and was smashed. Two of the boat's crew were drowned, but the remainder succeeded in swimming ashore.

The value of the pirates' haul is not known, but is believed to be considerable.

The Heng An is owned by the Great China Steamship Co., of Foochow, her master being Capt. Hans Eriksen. She arrived at Swatow on December 18th from Shanghai and after loading and discharging cargo she took on 38 passengers for Canton. On the 2nd, when the vessel was about six miles off Chihang Point, much commotion was heard on board. When the Captain rushed out, he was met by two armed men who ordered him up to the bridge, where the Chief Officer was on duty.

#### LOCKED IN CHART ROOM.

The pirates then locked up the Captain and Chief Officer in the chart room, where they were placed under armed guard, but later they were allowed to return to the bridge under cover of a number of armed pirates. The Captain was then ordered to steer the ship to Harlem Bay, Pinghoi, where the pirates forced the Captain to lower three of the lifeboats. In one of these, was the Chief Officer and five of the ship's crew, accompanied by two pirates. When nearing the coast, the lifeboat overturned and all aboard began to swim ashore, but two of the crew lost their lives.

#### FOR BIAS BAY.

The next morning, the Chief Officer and three of the crew returned to the ship in a sampan, whereupon the pirates ordered the steamer to leave for Bias Bay. Some hours later, the steamer anchored at Tsang Shan Tsi, and a boat was sent ashore with the boat-swain, two seamen and a pirate to request sampans to come alongside. Then began the work of removing the cargo, the crew and comrades staff being forced to work the derricks, and in the afternoon the pirates left in two sampans, taking the Captain with them. Prior to this, all the money and much clothing had been taken from the passengers.

An hour or so later, the Captain was allowed to return to the steamer, which later left for Canton, which was reached on Christmas Eve.

#### STEAMER ASHORE?

There is a report from Chinese sources, says our Swatow correspondent, that the s.s. Inkol is ashore and badly holed in Halmun Bay. There are reported to have been a number of passengers on board, but all are safely landed.

There are no further details to hand, beyond a rumour that the Inkol went ashore after collision with another vessel.

#### CHINESE REPORT FROM SWATOW.

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## TAOIST POPE REACHES SHANGHAI.

### PROPERTY CONFISCATED BY CANTONESE.

### A PENNILESS REFUGEE.

Bemoaning the rude rebuffs of fate, growing scepticism in China and the Cantonese war on organized religions and beliefs, the Taoist Pope, or Tien Sze Chang, as the Chinese call him, has arrived in Shanghai, a penniless refugee from his mountain home near Klukiang, says the Shanghai Times.

"In a distressful condition" is how the Chinese newspapers, chronicling his arrival, describe the religious leader, who is supposed to be successor of Chan Tao-ling, a scholar and divine of the Han dynasty. Millions of people in China look up to this man who is regarded as having discovered with people in heaven. "Heavenly Tutor Chang" is what his name, Tien Sze Chang, means.

The Chinese newspapers state that the Taoist Pope had to flee from his home in the Dragon Tiger Mountains, near Klukiang, because of the Cantonese invasion. When the conquerors from the south arrived they confiscated his property and made things so hot for him that he thought it better to take to flight. From Klukiang he came to Shanghai.

Taoists' Association called in a body upon their leader on his arrival a few days ago and offered to do their best to help him in his present misfortune.

### FOUND SHOT.

### POLICE SERGEANT'S SERIOUS CONDITION.

Police Lance Sergeant Herbert was, at 1.40 o'clock this morning, found lying in the Water Police Station with a serious wound in the right side of his head, which was apparently inflicted with his Service revolver. The weapon was picked up from the ground beside the officer.

Two shots were fired from the Service revolver, the reports of these being heard by other officers, who, on running up to his quarters, found Sergeant Herbert lying on the veranda outside his room. Sergeant Herbert, who was assigned to launch duties, was off duty at the time.

The injured man was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where it was learned this morning that his condition is extremely grave.

Lance Sergeant Herbert was an ex-soldier, having joined the Hongkong Police Force from the East Surreys, when that Battalion was stationed here. The date of his enlistment as a police officer is the 18th July, 1924.

### RABIES DANGER.

### MILITARY MAN BITTEN BY DOG.

Another case of a military man being bitten by a dog is reported this morning. The victim is Lance Corporal S. D. Smith, of the 4th Company of the Royal Engineers, who was attacked and bitten at Wellington Barracks yesterday by a dog belonging to Sergeant Grantell. He is now receiving treatment, while the dog has been removed to Kneedy Town for observation.

Yesterday's health return shows one fatal Chinese case of hydrophobia.

### STEAMER ASHORE?

### CHINESE REPORT FROM SWATOW.

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## IN CANTON NOW.

### FACTS ABOUT LABOUR TYRANNY.

### BUSINESS BADLY HIT.

A correspondent who paid a brief visit to Canton during the holidays gives some interesting impressions of conditions prevailing there. He says it was evident that there was a strong undercurrent of anxiety and perplexity among the Chinese merchants.

Following the lifting of the embargo, trade began to pick up slowly and at one time, hopes were high that, once the Labour Unions were placed under control, business would greatly improve. But for the last two or three weeks, or more correctly, ever since the transfer of the Kuomintang headquarters to Wuchang, the extremists have been busy in an endeavour to recover their former power which had waned somewhat after the retirement of Mr. Wong Ching-wai. The agitation for the return of Mr. Wong Ching-wai has again commenced.

#### TRADE DECLINES.

It was learned, in conversation with merchants, that trade in Canton has so declined during the last month, that it is almost at a standstill, and there is a fear of the situation is entirely due to wild rumours by propagandists and agitators, who are broadcasting these both among the Labour Unions in the city and the farmers in the interior.

From what one hears and sees in Canton, the merchants there are being tyrannized by the Labour Unions, and as this labour tyranny increases, more shops are closing. In going through the streets, no new shops were to be seen, unless they were concerns closely connected with certain large unions. Price of commodities, especially necessities, are soaring higher and higher; the purchasing power of the people is decreasing; and the number of unemployed as the result of strikes is increasing daily. Besides all this, labour tyranny has forced an exodus of many people of means to Shanghai and elsewhere, thus leaving more people without employment. It is said that forty million dollars have been exacted from Kwangtung to finance the Northern campaign and that the limit of the people's contributions has been reached.

#### LABOUR "VICTORIES."

As one goes along the streets, says the correspondent, one is carried along with the surging crowd of pedestrians, but on looking into the shops there is little sign of business activity. All of a sudden, you are jolted, and a large band of Union men carrying large flags with the inscription, "Down with the Capitalists!" greet your eyes. As they march along to the accompaniment of the bugle and drum, these men shout with all their might, "Labour Victory!" announcing that this particular Union has obtained its demands through the decision of Labour and Agriculture.

Turning to another street, you see red flags with white-letter inscriptions and the name of a certain Union which is endeavouring to canvass more members by persuasive means, while emissaries are sent out to secure members by force if necessary. Entering a large street, another gang of Union men is observed announcing their victory over their employers, and at the office of the Department of Labour and Agriculture, hundreds of workmen are besieging the premises with protests. These scenes are repeated daily.

#### TROUBLE AHEAD?

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## CHEKIANG FIGHTING CONTINUES.

### TROOPS MOVE TO ATTACK SOUTHERNERS.

### STRUGGLE NEAR FUYONG.

Regarding the military operations in Chekiang, telegrams received to-day indicate that on Monday an order for a general attack on the Southern invaders was issued by General Maung Chao, a subordinate of Marshal Sun Chuan-feng, and on the same day his troops, together with plainclothes propagandists after the style of the Kuomintang system, began to advance in two directions in the region of Hangfu and Hangyu, near Hangchow. The main centre of the struggle is still in and around Fuyong.

Martial law has been declared at Hangchow, and armoured cars and troops are maintaining vigilance everywhere. All manner of rumours prevail, and business is said to be at a complete standstill. On Monday, some 2,000 troops sent by General Chang Chung-chang, as well as a large number of reinforcements from Marshal Sun Chuan-feng, arrived at Hangchow and these are to be despatched at once to the front.

From Canton, it is reported that General Chiang Kai-shek will set out for the Chekiang front from Nanchang very shortly, and that military affairs in Kiangsi will be entrusted to Generals Chu Pei-teh and Ching Chih.

### PEW RENTS.

### MAY BE ABOLISHED AT CATHEDRAL.

The annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers is to be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall on the 31st inst., and in this connection the following appears in the Cathedral Notes:

"This year it is probable that the continuance of the system of pew rents in the Cathedral will be challenged. Some years ago it was proposed at the annual meeting that the pew rents should be done away with and all seats made free. But after much discussion it was agreed to make all seats free at Evensong but to retain the system for the morning services. The practice of letting seats is one which is becoming less and less popular at home, and leads to many difficulties. We hope the meeting will agree that the time has come for the abolition of pew rents."

### TEMPLE DESPOILED.

### ROBBERY IN NEW TERRITORIES.

A temple dedicated to the Goddess of Mercy at Tainhang, in the Santin district, New Territories, was despoiled by armed robbers on Sunday night, according to a police report just received.

One of the marauders had a chopper, and three other members of the gang held bamboo poles. The caretaker of the temple, an old man, was terrorised, and in the end, after thoroughly ransacking the temple, the gang decamped with \$110 worth of property.

### TACNA ARICA DISPUTE.

### PERU DISAGREES WITH MR. KELLOGG.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 4.

In a New Year's message to the newspaper La Nacion, President Leguia of Peru indicates that Peru will decline Mr. Kellogg's proposal to settle the Tacna Arica dispute by the cession of territory to Bolivia.—Reuter's American Service.

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## APPEAL COURT.

### RECENT BANKNOTE DECISION.

### ARGUMENT IN COURT.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, sat together in Appellate Jurisdiction in the Supreme Court this morning, to hear an appeal against a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Wood, when he held that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were liable to pay a \$500 banknote from which the numbers and date were missing. The note was the property of a Chinese woman, and was washed, starched, and ironed while in the pocket of a jacket, and when the pieces had been sorted out, the numbers and date could not be found. She sued the Bank, who refused to pay.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Wood found that the note had not been materially altered, but was merely damaged. It was not void, and the Bank was therefore liable to pay. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is for the appellant and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy represents the respondent.

#### EQUITABLE DOCTRINE.

This morning Mr. Potter said he would make three main submissions. The first was that the case was covered by Section 64 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, and the second that if they took it that the case could not fall within that Section, the position of the respondent would be no better, and would be, if anything, worse. His third submission was with regard to equitable doctrine as to the accidental alteration or destruction of a document, which was used by Mr. Fitzroy for the respondent in the Court below. He submitted that could have no application to the case under consideration, for three main reasons. One was that in fact the doctrine only applied in certain cases to mere accidents, as it was described, and in fact the present case was one of negligence. In his judgment, Mr. Justice Wood had found that the alteration was due to negligence on the part of the plaintiff and that once ousted any such equitable doctrine.

Furthermore, in any event, the doctrine did not apply to negotiable bills which fell within the section of the Ordinance. Thirdly, the utmost the doctrine did was to permit the plaintiff to give secondary evidence of the portion obliterated or destroyed, and in the case under consideration the plaintiff frankly admitted she was not in the position to give such evidence, because she did not know the numbers or date, so that, in any event, he submitted, the doctrine could not help her.

#### POINTS FOR THE BANK.

Referring to the judgment, Mr. Potter referred to points which he considered his Worship had found in favour of the Bank, and he asked their Lordships to consider the cases which he cited in the light of the findings of the Puisne Judge. He would submit that granting the findings in his favour, the decision should have been in favour of the defendant Bank.

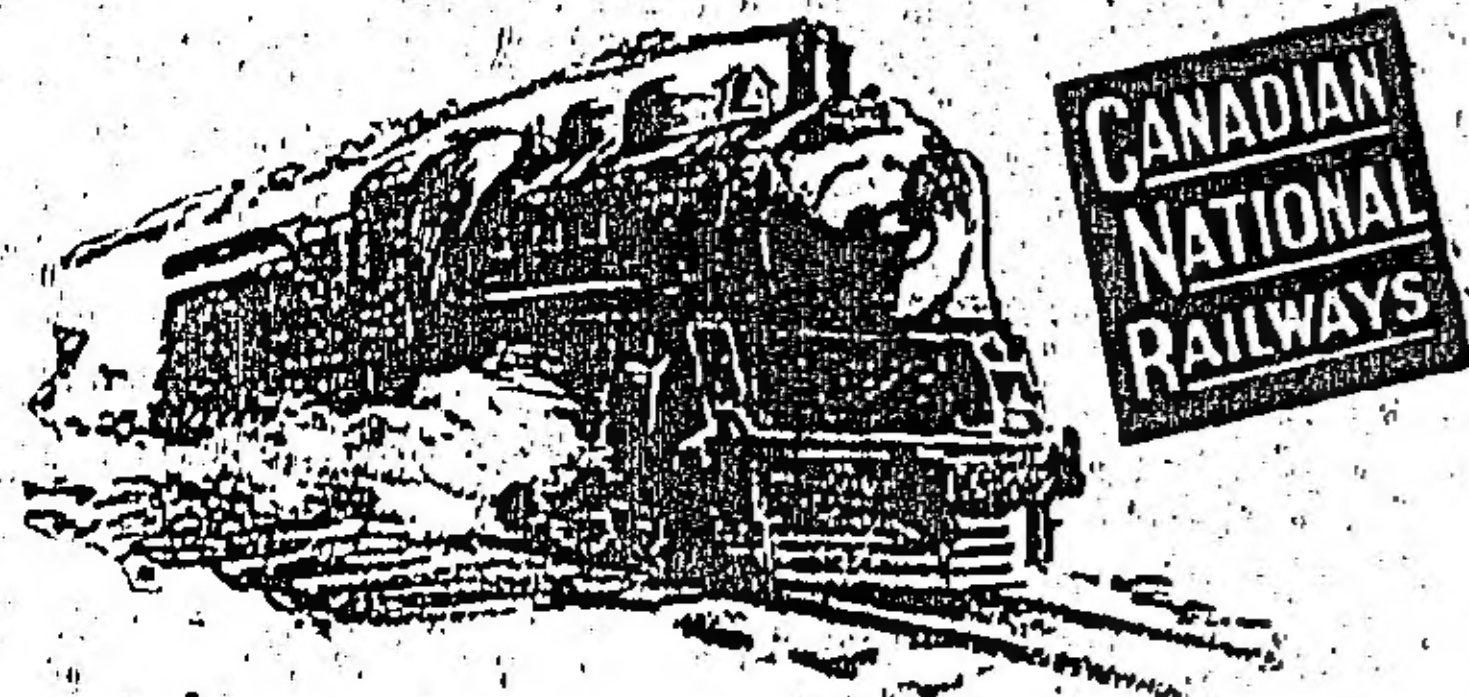
A fresh point which his Lordship had found in favour of the Bank was "the serial number" in law, a material and essential part of the note. A second point of the judgment in favour of the Bank was that, granting a material alteration, it voided the instrument, even if made by a stranger without the privity of the plaintiff, or even if it was accidental or the result of a process or without actual intervention of human agency. Mr. Potter said he considered those to be most important findings in favour of the appellant.

Another point was "deliberate or negligent conduct" will have similar legal consequences as voiding an instrument. He said

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### BRITISH POLICY.

#### THE NATIONALIST NOTE.

Hankow, Jan. 8.  
The first official expression of opinion by the Nationalist Government in connection with the British Memorandum is contained in a Note wired to Mr. Kellogg by Mr. Eugene Chen:—

"My Government learn that it is the intention of the United States Government to agree with the British proposal regarding the immediate enforcement of the so-called Washington surtaxes and the payment of the proceeds to the local authorities at ports of collection. In spite of the elaborately worded sentiments of the British declaration, the real meaning of the proposal is that two-thirds of the new revenue will go to our political enemies, who with war chests replenished will be able to continue the civil war that bleeds the nation and delays the liberation of China from the present regime of international control known as foreign imperialism. Specifically the British proposal means not only that Chang Tso-lin will receive new substantial revenues, but every twenty port will become a fresh object for militarist plunder, and an added incentive to the perpetuation of feudalism and civil war in China, while Shanghai, which has been on the eve of passing to nationalist control without much fighting, must now become the theatre of a bloody struggle involving, it may be, permanent injury to foreign trade, since the millions to be collected there—40 per cent. of the surtaxes—are to Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Tso-lin, who like raw meat to beasts of prey. If the views and sentiments expressed in the British declaration leave the nationalist mind unmoved, it is because they cloak a policy that is objectively a menace and danger to the speedy advancement of the cause of Chinese nationalism. But those who support that cause are strong enough to meet this danger."—Daily Bulletin.

#### Italy's Attitude.

Rome, Jan. 4.  
According to the newspapers the Italian reply to the British memorandum on China agrees with Britain that no foreign influence must be exercised which could trouble the development of Chinese affairs. Italy is therefore decided more than ever to persist in a policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of China.

At the same time Italy is aware of the British preoccupations and shares them as being perfectly justified. The reply adds further that a detailed examination of the situation will be the subject of a fresh communication to the British Government.—Reuter.

#### IMPERIAL SPIRIT.

#### THE RISE OF CANADA.

Rugby, Jan. 4.  
The Prince of Wales, speaking at the General Wolfe bicentenary commemoration dinner last night, regretted the absence of the Marquis de Montcalm, but added that his presence was unnecessary to remind them of his famous ancestor. From the memories of that battlefield and of the gallant adversaries (copy mutilated) there emerged slowly but inevitably the great United Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Winston Churchill, proposing the toast of that Dominion, said the recent Imperial Conference marked the recognition of the memorable change in the constitution of the Empire. It was a change in form rather than in spirit, but it meant that the central control in the Imperial relationship had ended and an age of comprehension had begun. The constitution of the Empire depended henceforward solely upon good sense, good will and loyalty to the Imperial Crown.—British Wireless.

### THE AMERICAN NAVY.

#### PROBABLY MAINTAINED AT PRESENT STRENGTH.

Washington, Jan. 4.  
The naval appropriations Bill totalling \$314,500,000 has been reported to the House of Representatives. It provides for the maintenance of a navy of approximately the present strength but proposes to cut out \$41,950,000 from the funds for cruising activities.

The Appropriation Committee is sympathetic to the President's desire for further limitation of armaments but the report indicates a readiness to proceed to the construction of new cruisers whenever the President recommends them.—Reuter's American Service.

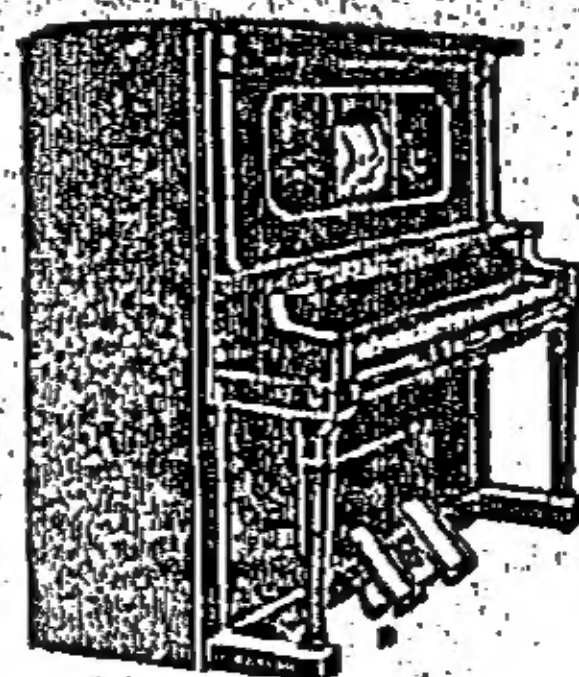
#### FLIGHT TO INDIA.

#### ARRIVAL AT BUSHIRE.

Rugby, Jan. 4.  
The Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare reached Bushire from Baghdad yesterday on his flight to India. The aeroplane took an indirect route between Baghdad and Basra to enable Sir Samuel Hoare's party to pass over the town of Babylon and Ur.

The first letters for the air mail to England left Karachi yesterday by steamer from Basra, where they will be carried by a De Havilland Hercules biplane similar to that on which Sir Samuel Hoare is travelling to Cairo. When in the spring the full air route from Karachi to Cairo is in operation, the steamer line to Basra will be unnecessary.—British Wireless.

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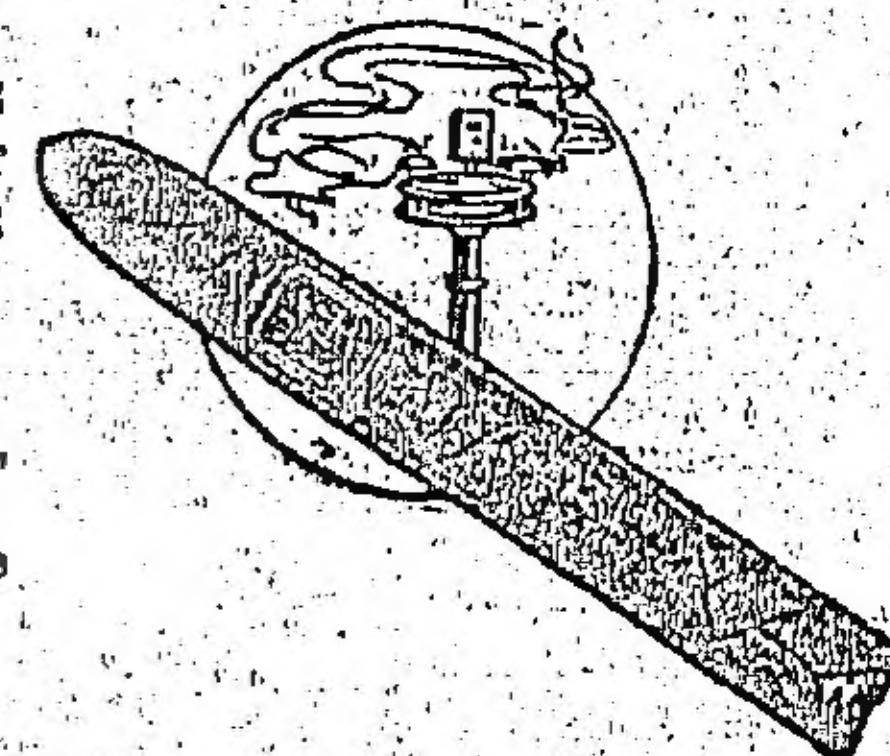
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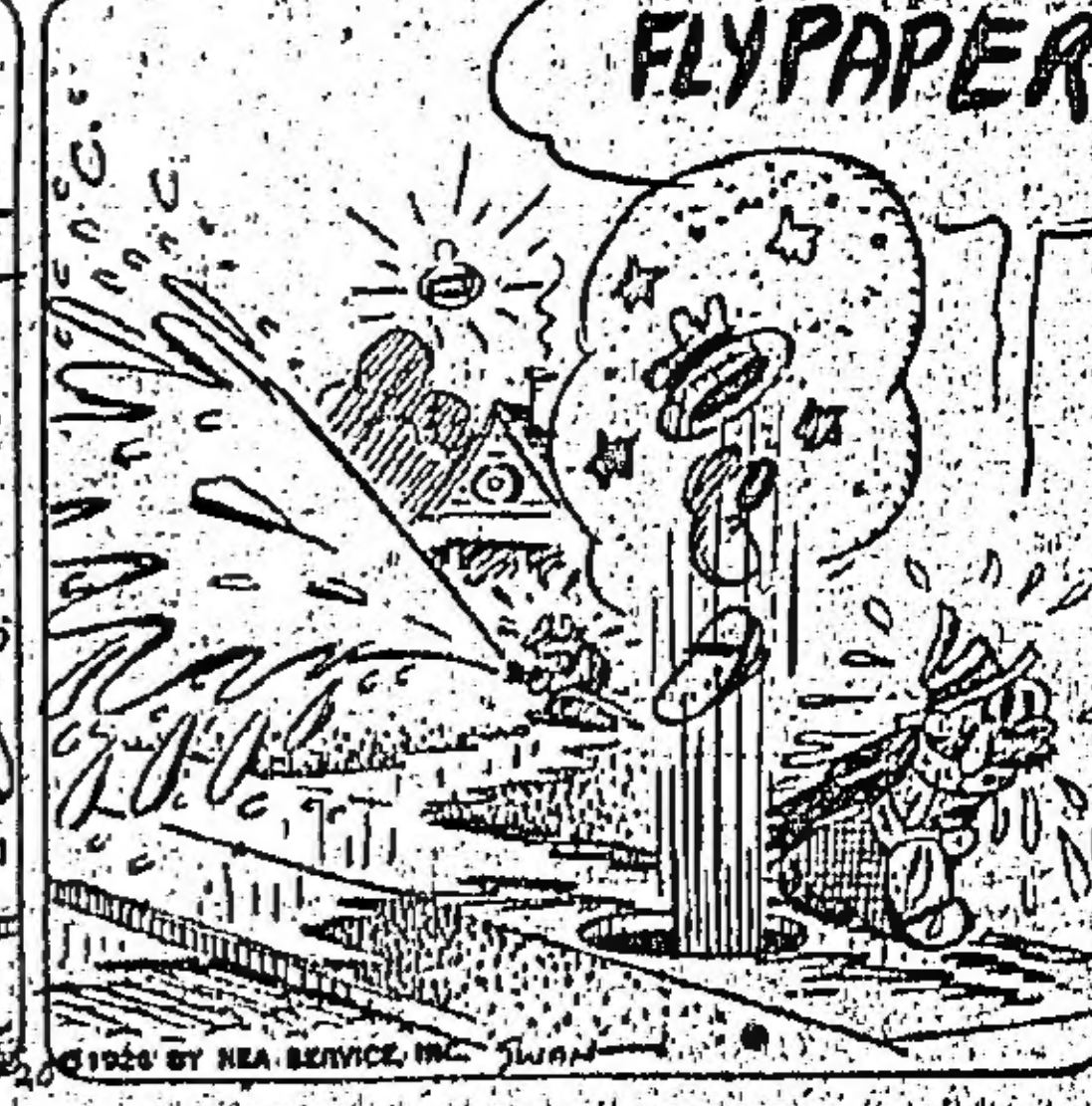
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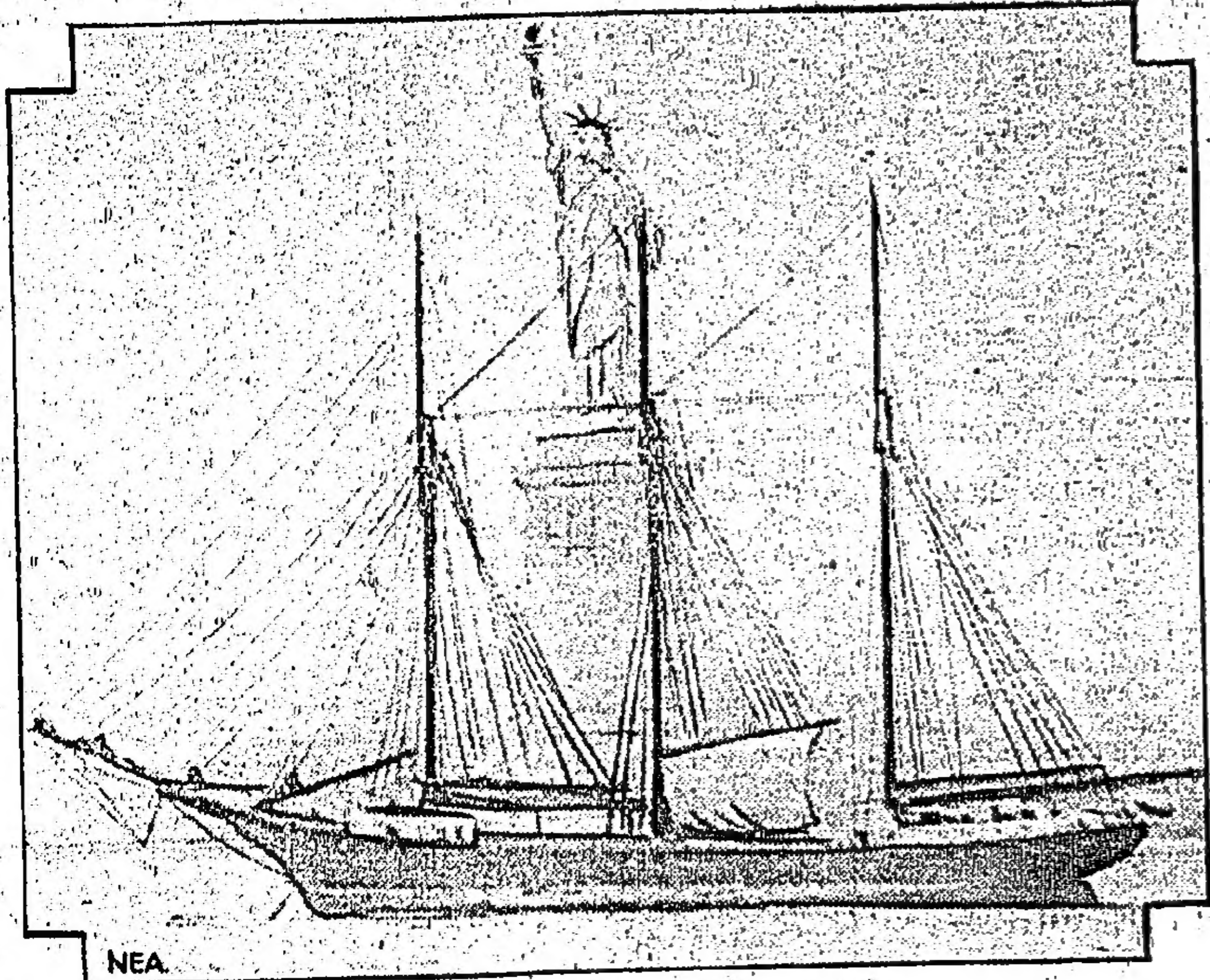
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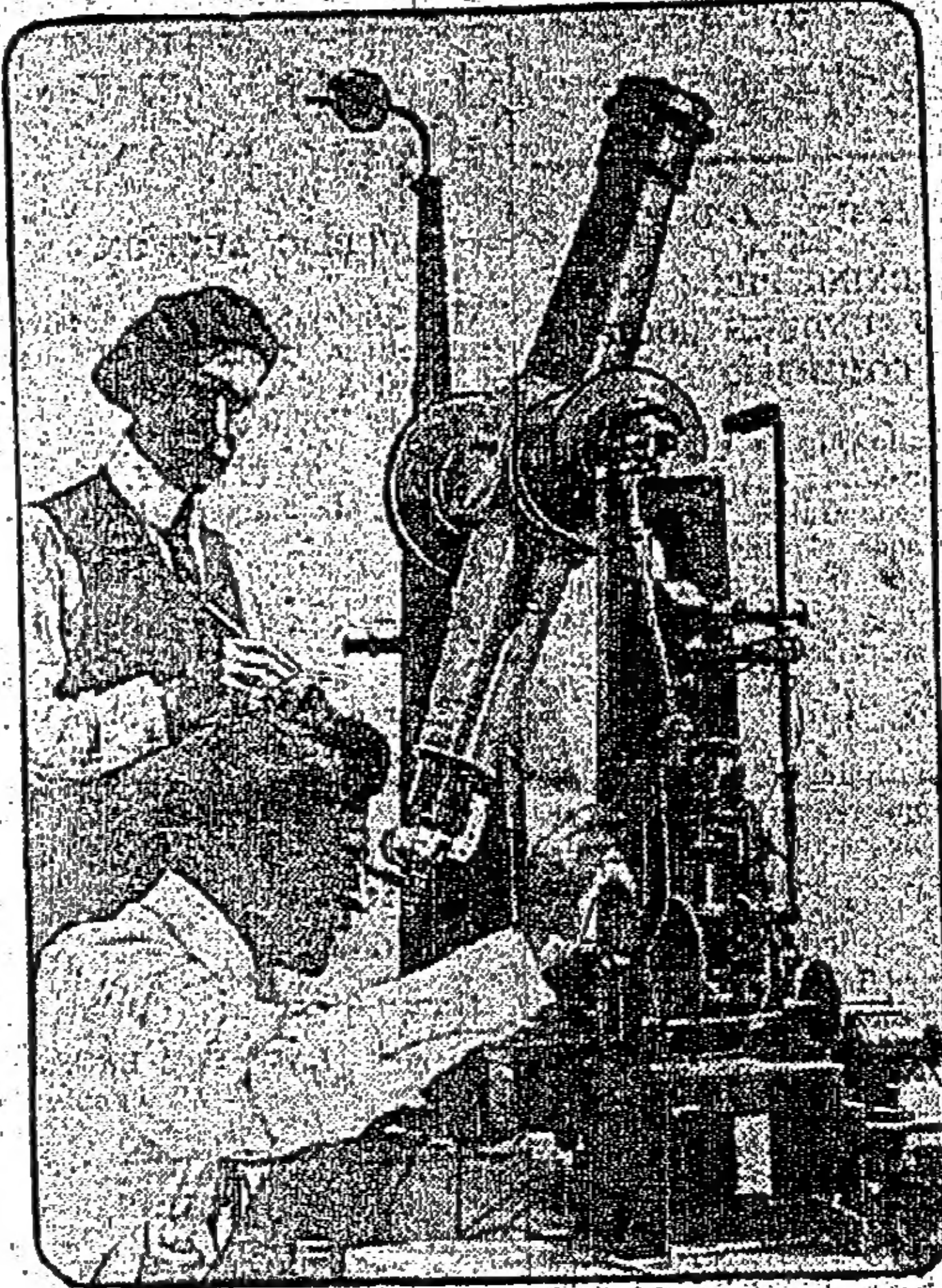
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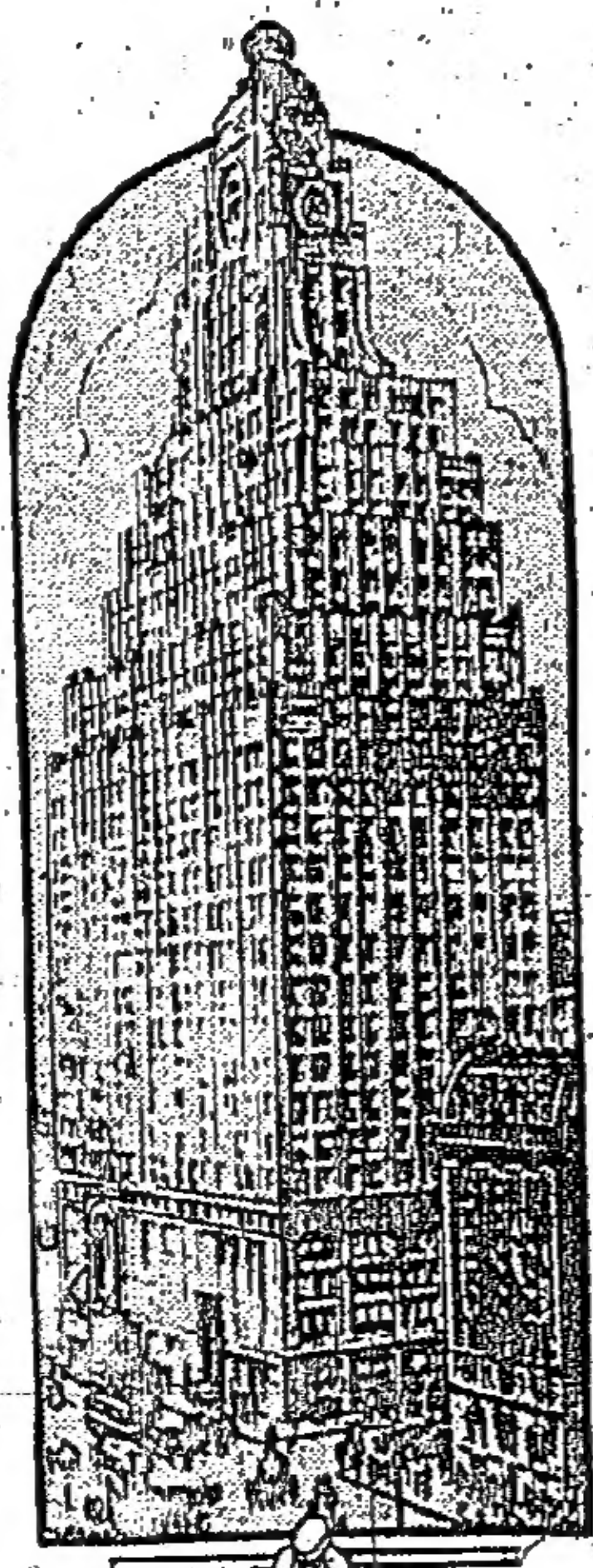
**BIG WHISKY SEIZURE.**—Mystery surrounded the unprecedented seizure 140 miles off the American coast of the three-masted barkentine Carmen on which, government officials said, there were 100,000 cases of Scotch whisky valued at \$5,000,000. Here is the vessel at the anchorage in New York harbour to which it was taken by the United States Coast Guard destroyer McCullough. Miss Liberty looms like a wraith in the background.



**SCIENTISTS GAUGE DRIFT OF CONTINENTS.**—Measuring the drift of the continents, Colonel Charles Mailles, representing the French Government, is standing with the notebook while Captain Frank B. Littell of the U. S. naval observatory is reading astronomical time. A Fraunhofer transit instrument is being used. The picture was taken at the San Diego, California observation post.



**SUZANNE AT GOLF.**—This isn't the sport that made her famous—but Suzanne Lenglen, famous professional tennis player, likes to play golf to help keep in trim. She's shown on the Mission Hills course at Kansas City.



**PARAMOUNT SKYSCRAPER.**—A picture of the Paramount Skyscraper theatre in New York.



**GENERAL BOOTH IN JAPAN.**—General W. Bramwell Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, on a world tour, received an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival in Yokohama.



**SHEIK'S SPIRIT WHISPERS.**—Through a medium, Natcha Rambova, former wife of the late Rudolph Valentino, has communicated with him in the astral world, she said upon her return from Europe (above).



**THE WRECKED L.M.S. EXPRESS TRAIN NEAR ROTHERHAM.**—Eight persons were killed in a serious accident to a L. M. S. express train at Parkgate, near Rotherham on November 19. While travelling at 45 miles an hour it fouled a derailed coal wagon with the result that the sides of several coaches, as shown in our photograph, were ripped off. It was in these carriages that the casualties occurred. (Times copyright.)

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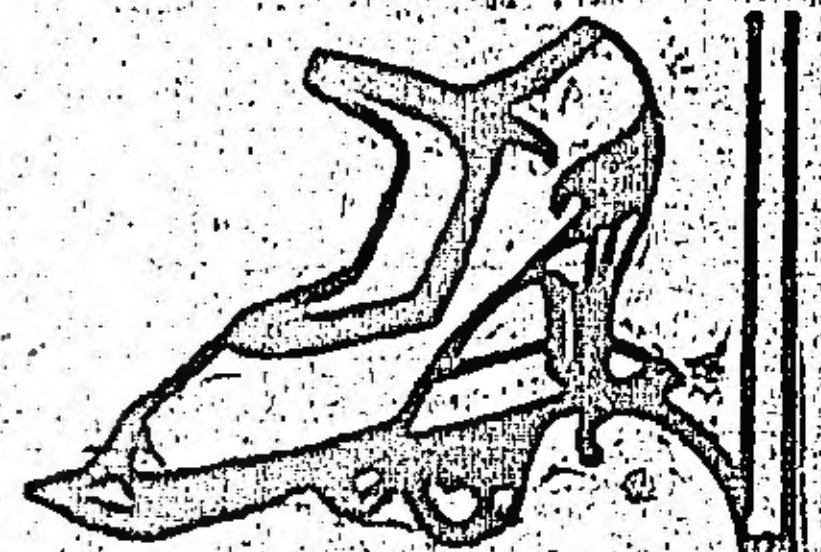
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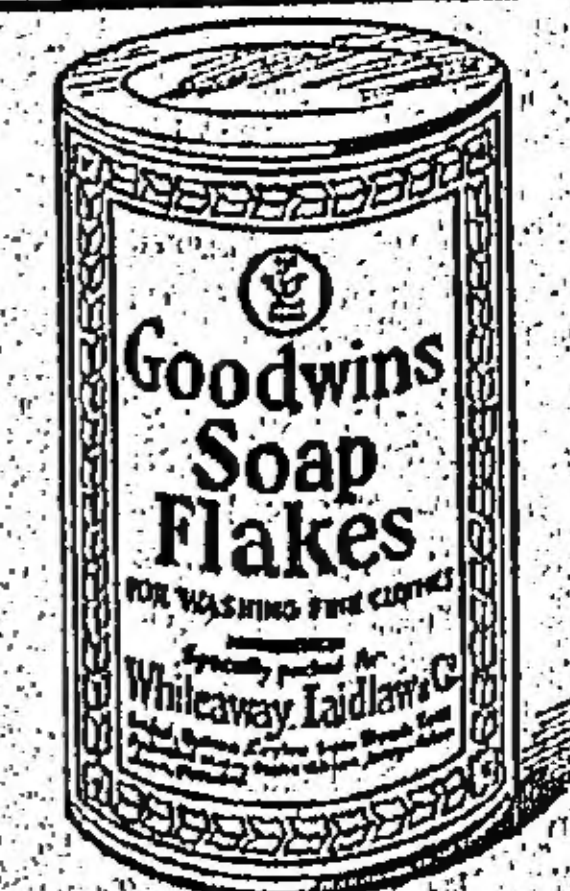
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### WANTED.

WANTED.—Young British desires position, previously connected with shipping, willing to do anything, go anywhere. Salary minor consideration. Start him for the New Year. Box 143, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

### LOST.

LOST.—A Brown Setter Bitch white breast and right fore foot. Return to William Russell, No. 10, Post Office Building.

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TO LET.—One European FLAT Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

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TO LET.—A three roomed European FLAT on top floor of No. 14, Conduit Road. Apply to H. M. H. Fernandez.

COMMODOUS OFFICES to let at No. 7, Queen's Road Central, two small offices in LA Chater Road. Apply E. D. Sassoon and Company, Ltd.

TO LET.—European house, 4 VICTORIA VIEW, KOWLOON, near New Kowloon Ferry, three minutes from ferry. Apply Tung Tak Co., China Building, 6th floor. Tel. 4925.

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THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LIMITED.

### MACAO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting of the Club will be held at Macao on the 6th January, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one race at this Meeting, "The Trial Race."

The first annual Spring Meeting of the Club will be held at Macao on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th April, 1927. The Championship Sweepstake will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,  
S. W. CHENG,  
Secretary.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.  
CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL  
1927.

The School year begins on Monday, 10th January. The Head Master will attend at the School on Friday, 7th January, 10 a.m. to admit new pupils.

UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB.

### ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The above tournament will open on Monday, January 24th, 1927, when the following events will be completed for:—

- Open Men's Singles.
- Handicap Men's Singles.
- Open Men's Doubles.
- Handicap Men's Doubles.
- Open Ladies Singles.
- Handicap Ladies Singles.
- Open Mixed Doubles.
- Handicap Mixed Doubles.

All entries, which will be confined to Members and Subscribers of the Club, should reach the Hon. Secretary by 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th January, 1927. Further details will be issued in due course.

By Order of the  
General Committee  
(Signed) E. W. MORRIS,  
Captain,  
Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held at the same place on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1927, and to confirm, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the following:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof, save that in the proposed new Article 87 the number of Directors be increased from seven to nine and in the proposed new Article 89 the remuneration of \$7,000.00 per annum be increased to \$9,000.00 per annum."

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during the usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Manager.  
Dated the 4th of Jan., 1927.

NOTICE.  
PIECE-GOODS GUILD AND SUNDRIES GOODS GUILD.

Notice is hereby given that, arising out of a communication received from the Comprodes Association intimating that, as from 1st January, 1927, a comprode's commission of 1% shall be charged for all goods, whether contracted "to arrive" or sold from "Spot cargo," joint meetings of the undersigned have been held to discuss the matter. As a result, it has been resolved and decided that, for all future orders for purchase of goods, only the usual 1/2% comprode's commission will be paid, as hitherto, and no increase whatever will be recognised. Apart from notifying the Comprodes Association of our above-mentioned resolution, this advertisement is inserted in order to give the matter public notice.

PIECE-GOODS GUILD AND SUNDRIES GOODS GUILD.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1926.

### NOTICE.

CONCERNING PIECE GOODS AND SUNDRIES GOODS COMMISSIONS.

The following is a translation of a joint-statement made by the Piece Goods Guild and the Sundries Goods Guilds in protest against the increase of comprode commission from 1/2% to 1%, as appearing in the vernacular newspaper, the Wah Tze Yat Po, on the 4th inst.

(1) With regard to the report which appeared in a certain vernacular newspaper, and the discussion taken place during the meetings of the Comprodes Association on 30th December last, as reported in the Wah Tze Yat Po, there seems to be some misapprehension.

(2) In consequence of the Strike and Boycott last year, many bankruptcies were caused among our guilds, while surviving members are still in agony. After several joint meetings, we have unanimously agreed that the demand of 1/2% increase in commission by the Comprodes Association, simply because of our existing hardships and not due to any ill-feeling whatever towards them, must be protested against.

(3) We regret to hear the Comprodes Association declare that they will not alter their decision of the increase, and that if we object to their demand, they would rather stop doing business with us, and then press us to clear all overdue stocks as a counter action.

(4) It will be remembered that in last March, when business was very dull, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce kindly tried to seek out ways for our relief. It was prior to the affair of May 31st at Shanghai last year. In reply to the appeal of the Piece Goods Guild, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce kindly wrote to us on the 14th of May, 1926, that they would persuade importers not to demand from dealers margins for overdue stocks, and not to press hard for clearance of overdue goods, and further consider the deduction of the usual interest, etc.

(5) Besides various hardships confronting our dealers, there are serious troubles prevailing between employees and employers of the Piece Goods in Canton, which brings business to a standstill, and by the end of the Chinese Year, collection of accounts will be very hard. Due to the hardships above mentioned, which directly affects us, we sincerely hope that the reasonable and experienced members of the Comprodes Association will appreciate our difficult position, and abandon the question of increase of comprode commission so as to maintain our friendship and peaceful dealings.

### HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, 8th January, at 9.15 p.m.

### THEATRE ROYAL.

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BOOKING at MOUTRIES.

Members—5th and 6th January. General Public—7th and 8th January.

### USUAL PRICES.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the business of the Universal Auto Supply Company, situated at 61, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, is under new management and proprietorship. Beginning January 15, 1927, the said firm shall be changed to and hereafter known as the Universal Motor and Supply Company.

普通汽車及用品公司  
As successor to the old company, the new management will be very glad to continue all the established relationship between our business friends and also extend their hearty welcome to new patrons for the coming year.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Trustees, A. Kwai & Co., (in Bankruptcy) to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1927, commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.  
A Large Quantity of Ship Fittings, Medicines and Packing of Various Assortments, etc.

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Four Compasses.

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### NOTICE.

We have to-day admitted Mr. Michael Howard Turner as a partner in our firm.

### DEACONS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

### NOTICE.

We beg to announce that we have been appointed by the Hercules Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham, as their Sole Agents for Hongkong and South-China for their famous Hercules Bicycles.

J. GIBBS & CO.,  
Bank of Canton Building,  
1st floor.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

### NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that as from the first day of January, 1927, Mr. W. T. Stanton will join me in partnership in the business of a Merchant, Commission Agent and Broker in Flour which has hitherto been carried on by me alone under the name of "L. Dunbar."

The business will in future be carried on by us under the name of "L. Dunbar & Co.,"  
L. DUNBAR.  
Dated December 31st, 1926.

### NOTICE.

BERBLINGER & COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as on and from the 31st day of December, 1926, the partnership between A. Berblinger and F. Feld who heretofore carried on business at Canton and Hongkong as Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants under the style of Berblinger & Co. has been dissolved by mutual agreement and that the assets and liabilities of the aforesaid business have been assigned to F. Feld who will continue to carry on the said business at the same places as heretofore as sole owner under the style or name of "F. Feld" and also under the former Chinese Hong Name of Bo Be Yeung Hang.

BERBLINGER & CO.

And  
F. FELD.  
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### SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

#### Banks.

Hongkong, \$1120 s.  
Chartered Bank, £21 s.  
Mercantile C. & B., £32 n.  
P. and O., £24 n.  
East Asia, \$34 n.

#### Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$540 b.  
China Underwriters, \$1.45 s.  
North China, Tls. 145 n.  
Union Ins., 230 n.  
Yantai Ins., \$45 s.

#### Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$200 b.  
Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

#### Shipping

Douglases, \$281 b.  
Steamboats, \$25 n.  
Tugs, \$12 b.  
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$32 b.  
Shell Trans., 90/- n.  
Star Ferries, \$564 b.  
Waterboats, \$151 b.

#### Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 s.  
Malabons, \$36 n.

#### Mining.

Benguet, \$140 n.  
Kailans, 38/- n.  
Langkats, Tls. 25 b.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.  
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8.00 n.  
Raub, \$41 n.  
Tronoh, 21/- b.  
Ural-Caspian, 8/- n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$115 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.  
Hongkew, Tls. 17 n.  
New Engineering, Tls. 6 b.  
Shanghai Docks Tls. 113 b.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9 s.  
H.K. Lands, \$54 s.  
Realty, \$6.15 b.  
Territorials, \$3 s.  
Humphreys, \$144 s.  
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.  
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

#### Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 9.10 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 21 b.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

#### Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$94 b.  
Tramways, \$213 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$154 b.  
Spore Traction, 15/- s.  
Taxis, \$2 s.

#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16 b.  
Canton Ice, \$5 n.  
Cements (Comb.) \$10 s.  
China Lights, \$161 s.  
China Prov., \$5 s.  
Constructions, \$1.90 b.  
Dairy Farms, \$181 n.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
H'kong Electric, \$56 b.  
Macao Electric, \$35 n.  
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.  
Lane Crawford, \$3 n.  
Mackintosh, \$194 n.  
Sincron, \$34 s.  
United Alabastors, \$20 s.  
Wates \$13 n.  
Powells, \$59 n.

University dons as low comedians are responsible for the most diverting moments in a revue performed at Cambridge recently by the Amateur Dramatic Club.

Sandy, one of the monkey jazz band players which escaped from a yard at Latimer-road, W., recently, was seen in a wood yard near his temporary home, but an attempt to capture him failed.

## MALARIA IN MALAYA.

SIR F. ROSS ON PREVENTIVE WORK.

In the course of an interview at Ipoh on the impressions of his visit to Malaya, Sir Ronald Ross highly commended the sub-sol drainage work in Singapore, where 17 square miles of swamp land had been rendered free from malaria, and similarly 20 square miles on Carey Island.

At both places there was a reduction not only in the malaria death rate, but also in the general sick rate.

Commenting on the Governor's address in Council, he remarked that it was the first instance in which the Governor of any Colony had deemed this dreadful scourge of sufficient importance to make reference to it in his annual address.

Sir Ronald Ross urged that the Colonial Office be asked to send out special doctors for training in anti-malaria work, which required a special combination of the knowledge of malaria, entomology and engineering.

Sir Ronald Ross regarded apprehensively the fact that, such work in the States was dependent on only one man. He urged the freest expenditure by Government on public preventive measures.

At a reception and luncheon given by the leading resident, Sir Ronald urged the utility of spasmodic efforts of prevention. He said he hoped that industry would fully apply economic measure for their own benefit.

Mr. L. D. Currie, the geologist of the Burma Oil Company, has been drowned while swimming at Yenang-aung, Upper Burma.

It is reported from Valparaiso that a new Customs tariff is under consideration, which will probably affect the majority of imported goods.

Among latest purchases by the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, are a series of six skulls of the Pacific walrus from the Behring Straits. 102 specimens of mammals from Bolivia, and 450 Japanese shells.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the hour, the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Strong) did not arrive in time to conduct a confirmation service at Eton College chapel recently, and the Bishop of Buckingham officiated in his place.

The Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police, has approved of the trial of a few pneumatic-tired single-deck omnibuses, fitted with four-wheel brakes.

M. Alain Gerbault's 30 ft. sailing boat, the Firecrest, which was wrecked in the Pacific off Wallis Island, has now been repaired, and he has left for Suva, Fiji.



Horse-riding is good for the liver. If you do not ride try Pinkettes instead. As gently as nature these dainty little laxatives remedy liverishness, d'epel constipation, banish sick headaches and bilious attacks, clear the skin, purify the breath, relieve Piles. Chemists everywhere sell Pinkettes, or post free, 60 cents the vital from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kings Road, Shanghai.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### NOTICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so super-scribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express Train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

INWARD MAILS.		From	Per	Date.
Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers London, 2nd Dec.)	Hongkong	January 5.		
Saigon	Devanah	January 6.		
Straits	Devanah	January 6.		
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, Dec. 9, and parcels, Dec. 2).	Morea	January 6.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	January 6.		
Shanghai	Kanchow	January 6.		
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Malwa	January 7.		
Straits	Pooksang	January 13.		
OUTWARD MAILS.		For	Per	Date.
Manila	West Cadron	Wed., Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.		
Saigon	Fenghe	Wed., Jan. 5, 4.30 p.m.		
Amoy	Suiyang	Wed., Jan. 5, 5 p.m.		
Swatow	Kweiyang	Wed., Jan. 5, 5 p.m.		
Port Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Song Do	Wed., Jan. 5, 5 p.m.		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C., and Europe via Siberia (Letters and parcels, specially super-scribed "Via Siberia" only)	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.		
Shanghai and Japan	Registration	Thurs., Jan. 6, 10 a.m.		
Batavia	Letters	Thurs., Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.		
Shanghai	(Due Vancouver, B.C., 24th January)			
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tijmanook	Fri., Jan. 7, 10.30 a.m.		
Haining	Sarpedon	Fri., Jan. 7, 10.30 a.m.		
Straits	Haining	Fri., Jan. 7, 1 p.m.		
Shanghai	Van Overstraten	Fri., Jan. 7, 2 p.m.		
Formosa	Luchow	Fri., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Demodocus	Fri., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.		
Swatow	Parcels	Thurs., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.		
Manila	Registration	Sat., Jan. 8, 1.45 a.m.		
Amoy	Letters	Sat., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	(Due Marseilles 4th February)			
Japan	Kuohchow	Sat., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Anhui	Sat., Jan. 8, 3 p.m.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles	Kafo Maru	Sun., Jan. 9, 8.30 a.m.		
Swatow	Keying	Mon., Jan. 10, 8.50 a.m.		
Manila	Fooksang	Mon., Jan. 10, 5 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Tues., Jan. 11, Noon		





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## PEKING'S PREMIER.

A CHANG TSO-LIN APPOINTEE NAMED.

Peking, Jan. 4.  
The evening vernacular papers assert that Chang Tso-lin has decided to instal as Premier, Moh Teh-hui, the Fengtien Civil Governor, who visited the capital during the New Year holidays, and returned to Mukden yesterday, it is reported to wind up his affairs. —Reuter.

## EXCLUSIVE FLATS.

£27,000 FOR LEASE AT DEVONSHIRE HOUSE.

Super-flats, which have risen on the site of old Devonshire House, Piccadilly, are now ready for occupation. They constitute the last word in equipment and comfort.

The accommodation ranges from the one-bedroom flat—the pied-à-terre, as it is called—to 10 bedrooms, and the price for a 99 years' lease, as represented by these two extremes, varies from £4,000 to £27,000.

There are nine flats on each of the seven floors, and Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley have announced that the lease of one-third have already been disposed of.

Each principal bedroom has its own bathroom, the floor of which even is heated centrally, while the individual flats are warmed communally by the ceiling panel system.

## "Frozen" Pantries.

Other features are:—

Dual service of lifts—one for tenants and one for tradesmen; Ventilation by mechanical air extraction, eliminating all cooking smells;

Refrigerating plant to each pantry;

Heating secured from oil-driven boilers which renders the block independent of coal crises;

Postal chute in each hall, which empties into a collecting-box at the main entrance; and

Centralisation of heating and outflow pipes, which can be repaired with a minimum of disturbance to decorations.

On the ground floor there is a restaurant treated in the Adam style, which is to be opened shortly, and upon the services of which the residents have a prior claim.

## "Very Exclusive."

M. Mario Trapani, the managing director, told a *Daily Chronicle* representative that the intention was to make the atmosphere of it very exclusive, in accordance with the traditions of old Devonshire House.

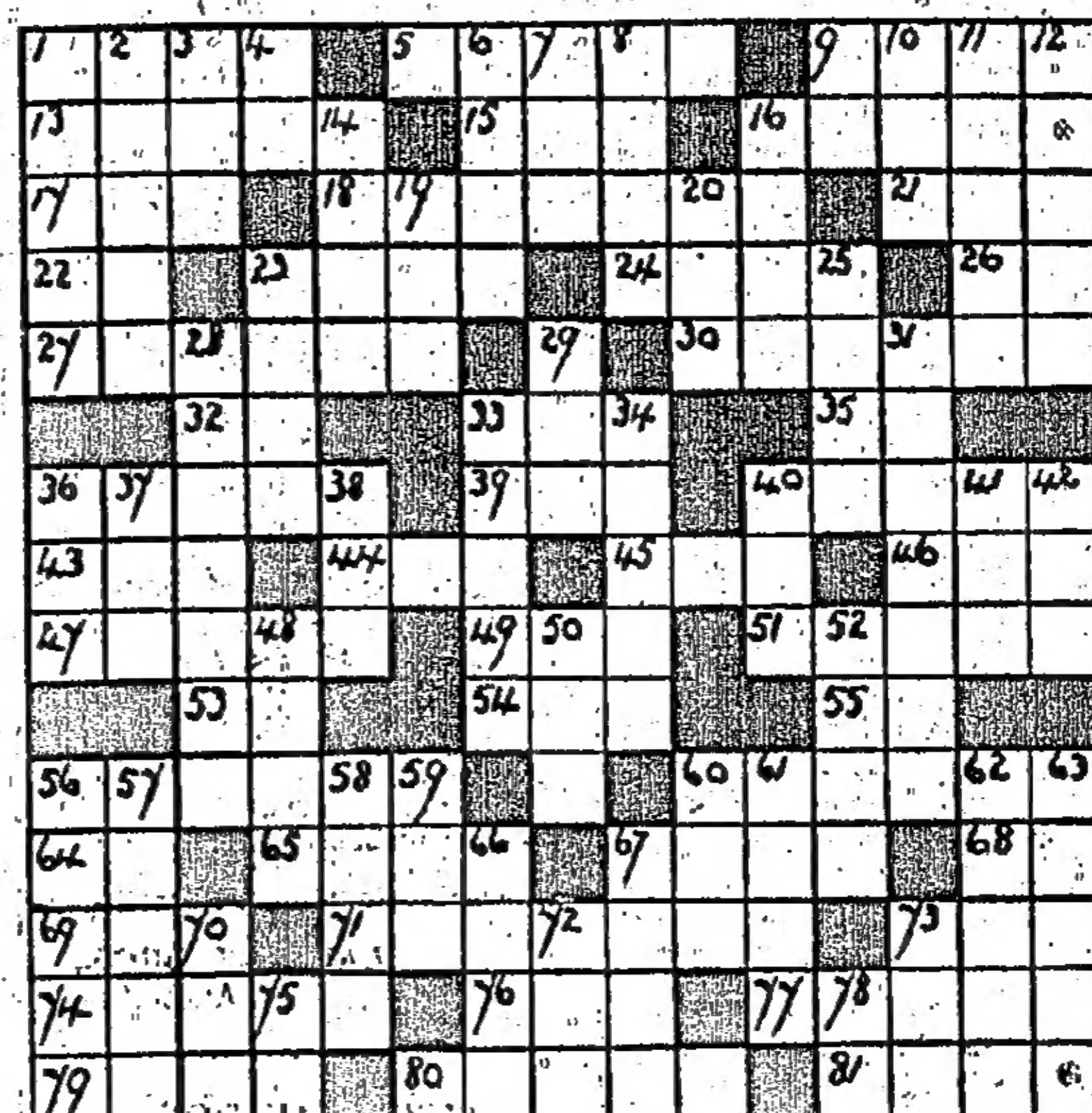
"Mr. Gabarin is the chef," he explained, "and we have engaged an orchestra of six instruments, which will be directed by Professor Montavani, of La Scala Theatre, Milan. There will be dancing but no cabaret, although it is possible that on some nights we may introduce a single performer."

Messrs. Tralope and Sons have decorated and furnished one of the suites as an illustration to tenants of what may be achieved at moderate cost. In this treatment the drawing and bed rooms are very attractive. The design and furnishing of the latter was suggested by a model now in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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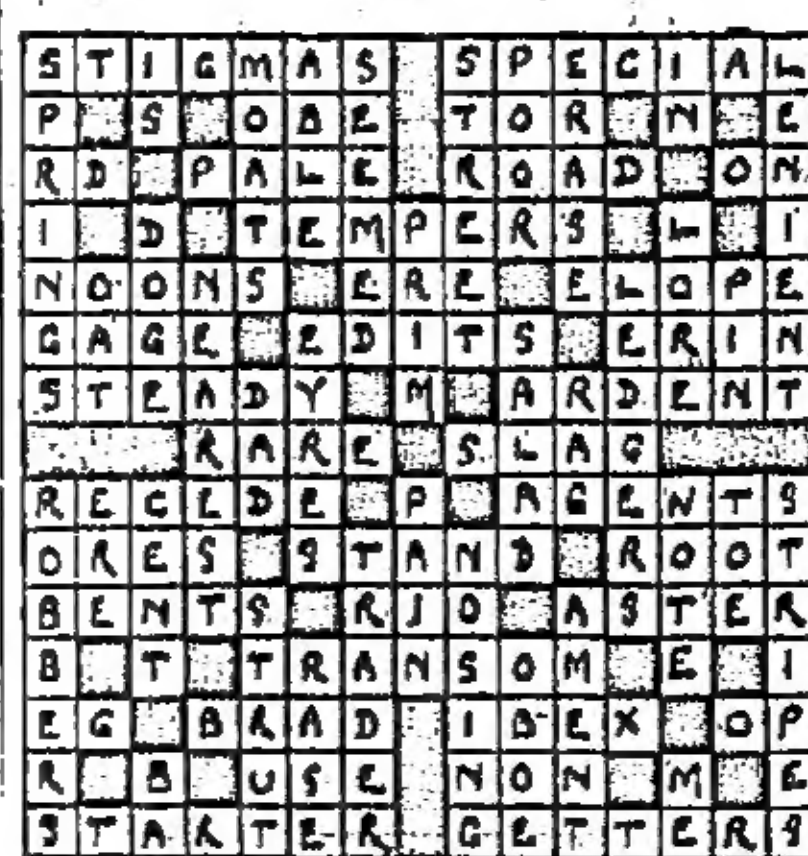
Footmen, in a restful green uniform, completed with a cockaded tall hat, continue certain of the traditions of the dual residence.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across:
- Approached.
  - Path of a planet.
  - Venomous serpents.
  - Begins.
  - Consumes.
  - Peculiarity of expression.
  - Floor covering.
  - Those who abate.
  - Three (prefix).
  - London District.
  - Remote.
  - Masculine.
  - Toetotale.
  - Disposition of mind.
  - To wither.
  - That is.
  - Hit lightly.
  - Pronoun.
  - Stretched.
  - Masticated and swallowed.
  - About.
  - French square measure.
  - Irritate.
  - Torn cloth.
  - Part of fish.
  - Minute organisms.
  - Beast of burden.
  - To lessen.
  - Association of Motorists.
  - Born.
  - Pronoun.
  - Wooden hammer.
  - A connected series.
  - Able seamen (abbr.).
  - Kind of armour.
  - Companion.
  - Part of verb "to be."
  - Receptacle for liquid.
  - A ladder.
  - Gamble.
  - A kind of snail.
  - Encountered.
  - A part of anything.
  - Beaks of birds.
  - A four legged animal.
  - A prophet.
- Down:
- A heavenly body.
  - Past.
  - Came into contact.
  - Printer's measure.
  - Back.
  - A flying mammal.
  - A unit.
  - A period of time.
  - To assume resting position.
  - Harbours.
  - Worker in iron.
  - Secure.
  - Surrounded by water.
  - Obstruction at mouth of river.
  - Knock lightly.
  - Tailless monkey.
  - Part of British Isles (poet).
  - Substance obtained by mining.
  - Domestic animal.
  - Repeat.
  - A worshipper of false gods.
  - Brief.
  - A worshipping of false gods.
  - Before.
  - Printer's measures.
  - Turkish title.
  - Negative.
  - Small mound of earth.
  - A rich chalky soil.
  - Put down.
  - To penetrate with teeth.
  - A worker in stone.
  - To decline.
  - Comfortable.
  - A twitching of the muscle of the face.
  - Low person.
  - Above.
  - A relative.
  - A flower.
  - Imperfect.
  - Floor coverings.
  - Vehicle.
  - Meadow.
  - An insect.
  - Royal Society (abbr.).
  - Part of verb "to be."

## Yesterday's Puzzle.



## WILD BLACKS.

EXISTENCE OF CANNIBALISM ALLEGED.

A Perth, West Australian, message of November 12, says:—

Mr. M. P. Durack, a pastoralist, and an ex-member of Parliament, who returned from Kimberley today, said that the native question was a very serious one. It had retarded the development of the North more than was generally realised, and was not going to be solved for the next century or two.

The security of the mountain fastnesses and the great abundance of native game and vegetable food, coupled with the fact that closer settlement would not take place for a long time, made the natives a very difficult problem to deal with, which had been the experience of Southern Queensland and other parts of Australia previously.

Besides killing cattle, the natives harried them, contributing to their wildness, and the loss in condition was in some cases 25 to 30 per cent. He suggested that the natives should be segregated in reserves, from which white men should be excluded.

Commenting on a recent discussion in the House of Assembly, and the reports of cannibalism in the North, he said that there was no question that cannibalism did exist. In the early days the natives openly admitted the fact. Cases generally occurred after a tribal fight, and usually the victim was a well-nurtured young girl.

Hunger was not the motive, the sacrifice being a ceremonial practice. Referring to the statement by Mr. F. W. Teednie, M.L.A., that in the past 10 years only five murders of white men had been committed by blacks, he said that he could give the names of 20 men who had met death at the hands of the natives in the last 16 or 17 years.

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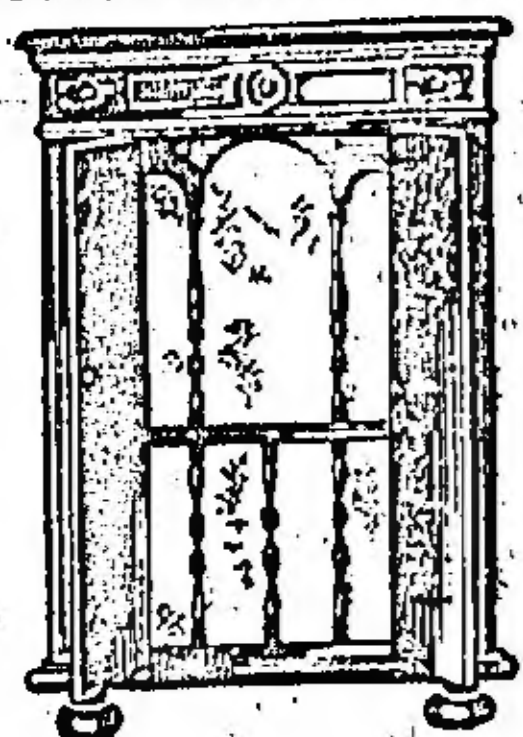
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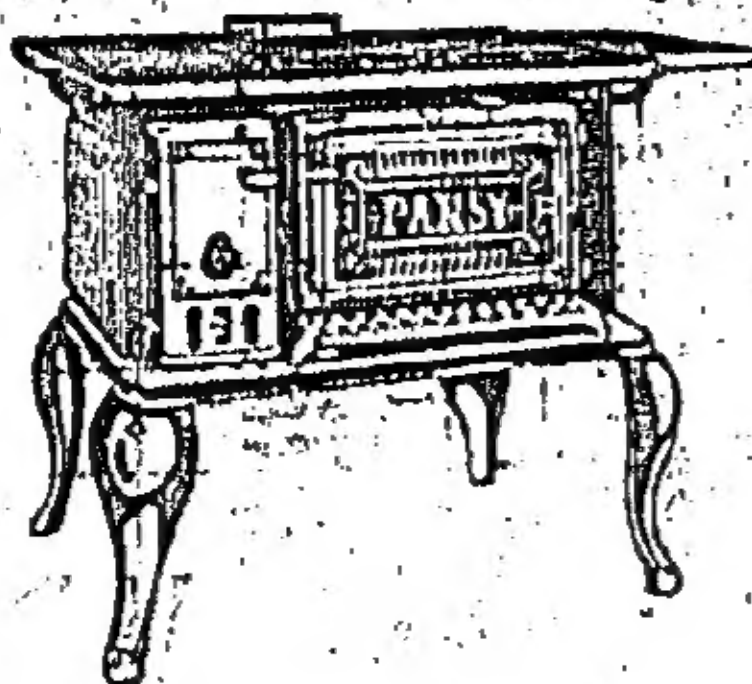
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## The Telegraph

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THE TRAGEDY OF  
CHINA.

Yesterday we commented on the dangers of unruly elements getting out of hand in China at the present juncture of affairs, and of the increased responsibility which therefore lay on Chinese authorities in keeping a firm grip on the situation in the regions under their control. Unhappily, there has of late been a series of untoward events in the Yangtze region, which have called for the exercise of much patience and tact on the part of the forces to whom has been assigned the task of protecting foreign lives and property. News of another such incident came to hand yesterday afternoon in the report of the anti-British demonstrations at Hankow, which at one time seemed likely to lead to developments of the utmost gravity. As it was, a number of British casualties occurred.

The root of all these troubles is to be found in the laxity of control over extreme Chinese elements, and it is a regrettable circumstance in this connection that so much anti-British and anti-foreign propaganda has been permitted in localities where Kuomintang rule has been established. It is one of the most elementary duties of all Governments laying claim to the respect of others to preserve law and order within their territories, and, above all, to curb the activities of those who seek to engender hatred of other nations. That obligation, unfortunately, has not been discharged by the Chinese Nationalist leaders, who must know that these anti-British movements are calculated to increase the existing tension throughout China. It is useless to blame the Powers for the present state of China, for the cause must be sought far deeper down than that. Some time ago, Dr. Hu Shih, a member of the British Boxer Indemnity Commission, put his finger on the spot when, speaking in London, he declared that the Revolution of 1911 failed because since that time there had been no check or control on the evil forces let loose by that upheaval. "The Chinese revolution," declared Dr. Hu, "has failed because it has never been a real revolution. There was a superficial change but no fundamental change in the ideas and thoughts of the people." The revolution, Dr. Hu further

said, "caught China unprepared, with no modern trained leaders, and only unscrupulous opportunists have arisen." The real tragedy of China, according to Dr. Hu, is that men fitted only to become drill masters are now governing great provinces, and petty politicians, trained only to clerical and departmental work, are now entrusted with the helm of State. These are frank and outspoken views, and it is significant that they come from a Chinese commentator and not from a foreign critic.

As one contemplates the China situation, the conclusion cannot be resisted that the Southern leaders are making a huge mistake in giving the extremists so much latitude. During the past eighteen months, the Powers have displayed a forbearance in the face of insults and threats which utterly belies the allegations so freely made regarding the nature of foreign policy in China. Everything that Britain and the other Powers attempt to do to prove their friendliness is scorned and denounced; no credit is given for honesty of purpose. And that is another tragedy of the situation which cannot but have the most harmful effects in the long run.

## Health Propaganda.

There is nothing but commendation to be bestowed on the officials of the Sanitary Board who have caused the publication of a notice to the general public advising against the eating of uncooked vegetables on account of the risks of contracting such diseases as dysentery and typhoid fever. We have often felt that our Sanitary Board is far too silent on matters affecting public health, especially in regard to seasonal diseases. There is not enough public advice given. In Shanghai (and we are not among those who think that Shanghai is all right and Hongkong all wrong) the Medical Officer publishes a report once a month and that report generally contains some sound advice to residents concerning the prevention of such seasonal diseases as smallpox, cholera, typhoid, etc. Here in Hongkong, the Medical Officer of Health publishes a report once a year and even then there is often no reference to preventive measures which residents might take for themselves to keep immune from the many serious diseases which periodically break out with virulence in all parts of the Far East. It is quite true that when Hongkong is visited by an epidemic our Sanitary Board and health authorities do come out of the obscure and silent routine in which they usually dwell, and that advice to boil all water or to boil all milk, or to cook all food before eating is given. Working on the principle that prevention is better than cure we think that much more might be done by the health authorities in times of immunity from epidemic disease, and we should like to see a sum of money provided in the Estimates every year to pay for the cost of health propaganda. Much could be done by educating the population regarding health practice at all times of the year, and that education can best be effected by publicity and propaganda. We hope to see a much wider use of the type of public notifications such as the one to which we are here referring.

## OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN BRITISH  
ARTIST.

Rugby, Jan. 4. Ambrose McEvoy, the artist, died to-day. He was well-known as a painter of beautiful women and he was one of the four artists chosen to go to the Front as the official painters of war scenes.—*British Wireless*.

The late Mr. Ambrose McEvoy, A.R.A., who was only 48 years of age, studied art at the Slade School. He was a member of the New English Art Club, the International Society of Painters, the National Portrait Society, and other well-known art institutions. His works have been acquired by the Luxembourg Gallery, the National Gallery of British Art (Tate Gallery), the Municipal Gallery of Johannesburg, and other galleries. During the war, he was made a Hon. Temporary Major of the Royal Marines.

## DAY BY DAY.

THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE EXPERIENCE OF AGES, MAY BE PRESERVED BY QUOTATIONS.—*Disraeli*.

Four cases of diphtheria, (one Eurasian and three Chinese) were notified yesterday.

The weather forecast of the Royal Observatory is: East or variable winds, moderate; cloudy, some rain.

The P. and O. liner "Malwa," which left Shanghai at 3 p.m. yesterday, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The Rev. T. B. Powell, formerly of Hongkong, has undertaken work at the Clergy House, Doncaster, for twelve months.

A collision occurred off Stonecutter's Island yesterday afternoon between a cargo boat and an unidentified launch. Damage done to the junk is assessed at \$50.

Mr. Isako, the proprietor of the Circus now showing at Kowloon, celebrates his jubilee in circus life on Saturday, when, to mark the occasion, a special programme will be presented.

Last week's health return shows three non-fatal cases of typhoid fever (one Japanese and two Chinese), as well as one non-fatal case each of diphtheria and puerperal fever, both British. There was also one fatal Chinese case of hydrophobia.

Another remittance of \$3,000, subscribed by the Overseas Chinese in Siam, has been received by the Canton Aerial Co-operative Association to support the building of aeroplanes for commercial service. A sum of \$350 has also been received from the Overseas Chinese in India.

A Chinese, who is believed to have lost his reason when he committed the act, jumped off the western waterfront yesterday. After several attempts, he was at length rescued from a sampan, and was subsequently removed to the Government Civil Hospital after first-aid was applied.

The Chinese Catholic community of Hongkong is to celebrate the function of the silver jubilee of three Chinese priests, Rev. Fathers Situ, Lam and Chan (who devote their lives to preaching in China) at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Compound, above Caine Road at 7.30 p.m. on the 6th instant.

The Consul General for Belgium writes us as follows:—"I should feel much obliged if you would kindly inform your readers that the report about four Belgian subjects fighting and being arrested in Canton is due to a mistake. I was in Canton at the time and could ascertain, with the local authorities, that the men are not Belgian subjects."

Madame Tong Wan-kung, Director of the Canton Vocational School, has received a telegram from Mrs. Sun Yat-sen in Wu-chang, calling her to Huipei for the organization of a Women's Political Training Institute to train women in Revolutionary work. Madame Tong will leave here for Wuhan in a few days. She will probably be back to Canton again as soon as the institute is founded, it is reported.

A recognition having been effected in the financial standing of the owning company, it is learned that the two Chinese steamboats, the Charles Hardouin and Paul Bean, which have been lying, tied up, off Shamsui, will shortly be again put on the Hongkong-Canton run, thus increasing the number of boats engaged on up-river traffic and bringing it to nearly pre-war conditions. The two steamboats are to go into dock in a few days for refit before being put into service.

L. O. N. MILITARY  
CONTROL.DUTCH OFFICER FOR  
BULGARIA.

The Hague, Jan. 3. Colonel Schürman, of the Dutch General Staff, will be appointed President of the Committee of Investigation to Bulgaria, under the plan of investigation by the League of Nations, which is to replace the existing system of military control.—*Reuter*.

## ART CLUB.

## TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION.

There is much of genuine merit at the annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club, which opened this morning at Exchange Building. Remarkable versatility marks the work of the twenty-two members who are showing, the pictures ranging from landscapes and seascapes to portraiture, and from the humble pencil drawing to oils.

Mr. C. Peake Anderson exhibits seventeen well designed water colours of Scotland, Italy and Egypt. Individually it is perhaps the best all-round display, "Venice, From the Public Gardens" and "Tivoli, The Villa D'Este" being particularly striking. The outlines here and there appear rather hard but the effect is enhanced.

Mrs. Aubrey displays eighteen pictures of a high standard, her garden pictures being colourful, and finely finished.

Dr. Balcan's Silhouettes is vivid art of real excellence, but Mrs. H. Balcan exhibits three well-designed pictures in oils which have a more distinct appeal. "Roses" is one of the best pictures in the whole exhibition. Miss Balcan has made good use of the interior of the Shantung Men's Guild, Shanghai.

It is strange that Mrs. Bowes-Smith, who displays a wonderful sense of colour in her paintings of flowers, is rather afraid of it in her landscapes. Mrs. Bowes-Smith has fourteen pictures on view and all are good.

Mrs. C. B. Brown's Switzerland paintings are outstanding, while Miss C. M. Crawford exhibits a clever pastel drawing "On the Yangtze." Miss E. C. Geoghegan has six effective pictures on view, the pencil portrait showing nice points.

Dr. I. Newton's pictures, ten in all, show genuine merit. He has achieved wonderful expression in his charcoal drawings of "The Boy," the "Baby Amah" and "The Cripple" and his paintings "Andromeda" and "The Dawn of Reality" have been carefully designed, and are well carried out.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden excels in the painting of trees and he had several excellent examples of pictorial art showing.

Miss Leyton shows twenty-five pictures "Llanfair" and "Aberdeen Bay from Mount Kellett" being faithfully carried out. Miss C. H. Pong exhibits for the first time, both in pastel and oils. The oil paintings show a little recklessness in colouring, but the pastel work is really good. Mr. R. W. Stoddart has a method distinctly his own. "Night" may be intended to be natural but it gives one the impression that it is a painting of a scene in a stage play with the violet tinge over all which represents night but leaves things standing out clearly. "The Caravan" is extremely effective.

Mrs. Riley, Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mrs. Stantoff, Mrs. Stopford and Mr. Lea Y. Tong show pictures, dealing mainly with landscapes.

## SPANISH EXCHANGE.

REASONS FOR APPRECIABLE  
IMPROVEMENT.

Rugby, Jan. 4. A feature of the foreign exchange market during the past week has been the improvement in the Spanish peseta.

A week ago the peseta was quoted at 31.75 to the £ sterling. To-day it has appreciated to 31.24, though it eased to 31.35 at the close.

The improvement is attributed to proposed taxation reforms in Spain, and also to satisfactory trading conditions.—*British Wireless*.

## RETURNING HOME.

## NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER.

Rugby, Jan. 4. Mr. Coates the New Zealand Premier, accompanied by Mrs. Coates, and members of his party, leaves London to-morrow for Southampton to join the liner "Aquilania" on his way home-ward. The party is travelling to New Zealand, via New York, Montreal and Vancouver.—*British Wireless*.

## The Very Idea!

It was not necessary says the North China Daily News to wait for "anyone of the Scotch fraternity who are readers of the N. C. D. News" to whom "Perplexed Scotchman" appealed for a decision as between rice and Quaker oats. A Scot on the staff scarcely could be restrained when he read the letter. First he declaimed against any man calling himself a "Scotchman" and really the world ought to know by now that there are only Scotsmen and people of other countries. For some unexplained reason the Scotch Express is permitted, but not even Scotch whiskey (spelt with the "e"), which many regard as a second concession. However, "Perplexed Scotchman's" worst offence seems to be that he confuses Quaker oats with "them." He even went the length of calling Quaker oats the "customary Scotchman's delight."

Our information, says the Journal, is that the proprietors of this breakfast food probably do not get enough out of Scotland to pay for advertising, and that any sort of ground or prepared grain bears no relation to the porridge of the Scot. This latter consists of coarse oatmeal just as it comes from the mill, soaked overnight and then boiled with salt, being carefully stirred the while, until of a consistency that a spoon will stand in it. One does not put sugar or syrup on it, but it is permissible to take milk or cream with it, if the nurse permits. Further, there is a ritual in the eating of it, for one must stand up, or even walk about the room. Our informant's answer to "Perplexed Scotchman's" query is that, for all he knows, rice may be quite as good as Quaker Oats, or Force, or Shredded Wheat, or any other patent breakfast food, but that there is nothing out of Scotland as good as porridge and very few things in Scotland that are the equal of "them."

Henry Ford, stressing the old proverb that "Satan finds work for idle hands to do," announces he will take on 5,000 boys between the ages of 16 and 20, put them at men's work, pay men's wages, and see if they don't make shining marks for their employer and themselves.

Ford asks no one to strain credulity by believing he is making the experiment for the boys' sakes alone. It's just good business, he believes, to inject youth into any concern, and if this good business can do another good turn for society so much the better! Ford elaborates in great detail—boys get into crime, says he, mostly because they must have something to do. "Jobs come hard, and such jobs as there are, pay so little to young boys that they rebel."

"Say, just what ails my radio? It's shy of life," he said. And then he found that he was right.

The batteries were dead.

A question in a fifth form English examination:—"Give an example of bathos, including a metaphor."

A young hopeful's effort ran thus:—"A widow, turning away from her husband's grave, weeping copiously, encounters another, who whispers sympathetically, 'Never mind, Eliza, there's far better fish in the matrimonial sea than was over hooked. Get your tackle out again!'"

The eminent mental specialist, Sir James Crichton Brown, has just published "Victorian Jottings," in which autobiography are told many good stories.

One story concerns Professor Balfour, of Edinburgh, who some time in the 'sixties, decided to give a course of lectures on botany to ladies. An old lady to whom it was mentioned remarked that she didn't see the good of such courses, for she had attended one long ago, and now she remembered the names of only two plants: "the Delirium Tremens and the Aurora Borealis."

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway was awarded four shillings damages recently against a man who had chalked, "Just Married, don't disturb us," on the side of the train as he was seeing the bride on a bridegroom away on their honeymoon.

Jack Muir, a prominent American farmer and stock raiser has solved the suspender problem. The other day he appeared on the streets of Fulton wearing suspenders made from an old motor car inner tube. The suspenders were neatly cut and trimmed by Muir's daughter.



## SWATOW CUSTOMS TROUBLE.

## THREAT OF THREE-DAY STRIKE.

## UNION AGITATION.

Writing under date of yesterday, the *Telegraph* Swatow correspondent says:

The local Labour Unions continue to be a source of anxiety and worry to the moderate, fair-minded portion of the community who are striving to bring about a resumption of peaceful trading conditions.

The newly-formed Union of Custom House applicants (Clearing Agents) are threatening to call a three-day strike in the near future unless they obtain full recognition from the authorities, merchants and Customs. Should this take place, the Clearing Agents state that they will picket the Custom House, as was done during the recent one-day strike by the same Union, and thereby bring all Customs work to a standstill.

The students at the American Baptist Mission College have presented some fifteen demands to the Principal, all of which aim at the control of the College passing from foreigners to the students themselves. The College and Mission buildings are picketed by the students and it would seem that they are to share the same fate as the Anglo-Chinese College by the substitution of political propaganda for healthy education.

## TRAINING SHIP MISHAP.

## FRENCH CADETS KILLED AND INJURED.

Baltimore, Jan. 4.  
At least three Cadets of the French training ship *Richelieu* were killed and several injured through an explosion at Curtis Bay colliery wharf. Fire followed and the vessel is still burning.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## ALL CADETS SAFE.

Later.  
All the Cadets are safe, but several of the crew are missing, whilst 23 workmen have been injured.

The explosion occurred in one of the hatches while the vessel was loading pitch for the Orient and France. Dockers escaped before the explosion. The Captain was in his cabin and was flooded by the rush of air. He immediately scrambled to his feet and dashed on deck and ordered everybody off.—*Reuter*.

## TROUBLED MEXICO

## REBELS AND BANDITS BUSY.

Mexico City, Jan. 4.  
According to advices received here, an attack by 200 rebels on the military barracks at Leon, in the State of Guanajuato, early in the morning, was defeated.

Ten rebels were killed and the city authorities subsequently arrested and summarily executed eleven residents, including six prominent citizens.

A large gang of bandits operating at present in the vicinity of Mexico City, and fifty armed men held up a number of motor cars a few miles south of the Capital, yesterday, and robbed passengers.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## LIFT ACCIDENT.

## TWO WORKERS BADLY INJURED.

Two workmen of the Hongkong Electric Light Company were admitted yesterday into the Government Civil Hospital from the China Restaurant at Queen's Road West, where they were injured, in an accident, which occurred whilst they were engaged in repair work on a lift.

It appears that wooden supports used for propping up the lift gave way, and the lift dropped squarely on the workmen's backs as they stooped over the work. Both men were seriously injured.

## HANGCHOW FEARS.

## LADY MISSIONARIES ROBBED.

## SHARP MILITARY CONTROL.

Hangchow is affording interest and excitement for all in these days of convulsion and shock, says the *N. C. Daily News* correspondent, writing under date of December 28th. Numerous complaints are being recorded of rough treatment by the soldiery. Harmless peasants, and business people, are being searched publicly on the main streets. In the process, small change, and hard dollars, as a matter of fact, disappear. Quite a number of people have also been relieved of their warm outer garments. One poor fellow on leaving the city for his home, was bemoaning the loss of \$16.

The Hangchow Churches are interesting themselves in the organization of Red Cross work, on a large scale. It is hoped such work will not be needed.

## TWO LADIES ROBBED.

Two lady missionaries, connected with the Southern Presbyterian Mission, on their way home from the Christmas service, were held up in one of the narrow streets of the city by a footpad. The spoiler imitated a military officer, and began to search them and ask as to their business, etc. He eventually walked off with their satchels and threatened to kill them if they raised any alarm.

Mr. Duncan Main, as he was motoring in a certain area in Hangchow, was challenged by a picket. On his failing to pull up as speedily as the sentry desired, the latter made a bayonet thrust at the car, penetrating the radiator and damaging some portion of the machinery. A little later, Mr. Main was again challenged and an attempt was made to commandeer his car. He finally consented to drive the officer, who demanded the use of the car, to his objective, and then returned to the city without any further molestation.

It is reported that one of the Chientang River steam ferries was fired upon yesterday, and one man was killed and several wounded.

## THE EXODUS TO SHANGHAI.

To-day, excitement has died down considerably. There was another large exodus of civilians by the train which left for Shanghai this morning. It was nearly three hours late in starting. The scene on the station platform was animated to the last degree but it lacked the nervous tension of the conference of the morning before. The crowd yesterday, was very tense and over 200 people managed to pack into one coach. The management of to-day's train was much better in hand, and passenger accommodation more adequate.

These days it is not safe to be out after dark. Armed pickets parade the streets. These custodians look very odd with their long gleaming pikes, reminding one of the middle ages, and, strapped to their waist, is the latest automatic pistol, which gives evidence that these scouts are very much up to date.

All along the water front at Nansimiao and Zaitou, warlike preparations are being carried out. People are wondering if the 1st Chokiang Army are really about to measure swords with the Northerners, who are getting into "battle array on the banks of the Chientang River."

## PETITION TO SHANGHAI CONSULS.

Members of the Three Provinces Co-operative Society in Shanghai, who have been "perturbed lately owing to the attention paid to their activities by Marshal Sun Chuanfang, who suspects the Society of plotting against him, held a meeting last week to discuss the information that Marshal Sun had issued warrants against eleven of their number. Several resolutions were passed at the meeting, which decided to petition the Consular Body against executing the warrants within the Settlement and, further, to issue a circular telegram throughout the country denouncing Marshal Sun. A third resolution proposed the holding of a mass meeting to demonstrate the people's opposition to Sun and the Fengtien army.

KUOMINTANG SPLIT IN CHUNGKING.  
A Hankow message of December 30th says:—The secret feud, which has existed between the right and the left wings of the Kuomintang in Chungking for some time past, culminated in a clash between the two groups to-day, resulting in several wounded on both sides, says

## CHIEF OFFICER CHARGED.

## SEQUEL TO INCIDENT ON THE SEISTAN.

There was a sequel in the *Marine Court* at Singapore last week to an incident which occurred on the steamer *Seistan*, the chief officer, Mr. J. Macdonald, being charged with being drunk while on duty on the fore-castle and with leaving his post while the vessel was within port limits.

Captain A. C. English, master of *Seistan*, stated that the vessel arrived at Singapore from China and went to the quarantine anchorage. The chief officer was the officer on watch on the fore-castle, and witness noticed that his manner was peculiar.

He left his station, came on the bridge, and pointed out various objects, and told witness how to proceed. Witness answered, "All right," and told him to go back to his post, which he did. He was under the influence of alcohol. Witness found him in his cabin at 9.30 taking no interest in the work of the ship, and when witness asked him with being drunk he replied that he had been working very hard.

The master Attendant (Capt. G. Freyberg, R.N.) sentenced the accused to one day's simple imprisonment and ordered that he be repatriated to Hongkong (where he was signed on) at his own expense.

## NEW OWNER.

## KING EDWARD HOTEL SOLD.

We learn that the business of the King Edward Hotel has been sold to a new owner, but the popular manager, Mr. J. Witchell, is remaining in charge.

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## PEACEFUL RAILWAYS.

## A GOOD ANGURY FOR 1927.

London, Jan. 4.  
There was a dramatic incident at the meeting of the National Wages Board for Railways, when a claim by the N. U. R. as regards the deferment of wages, and increments on the Great Western line came up.

Mr. J. H. Thomas said he did not dispute that tremendous injury had been done to the railway companies by the general strike, and he did not wish to complain at the action of the Great Western Company in interpreting the post-strike agreement, but he appealed to Sir Felix Pole, the General Manager, to forget the incidents of 1926 in starting 1927.

Sir Felix promised to adjust the differences.

The Chairman (Sir Harold Morris, K.C.) thought that the attitude of Mr. Thomas and Sir Felix Pole was a good augury for peace and goodwill between the employers and employers for 1927.—*Reuter*.

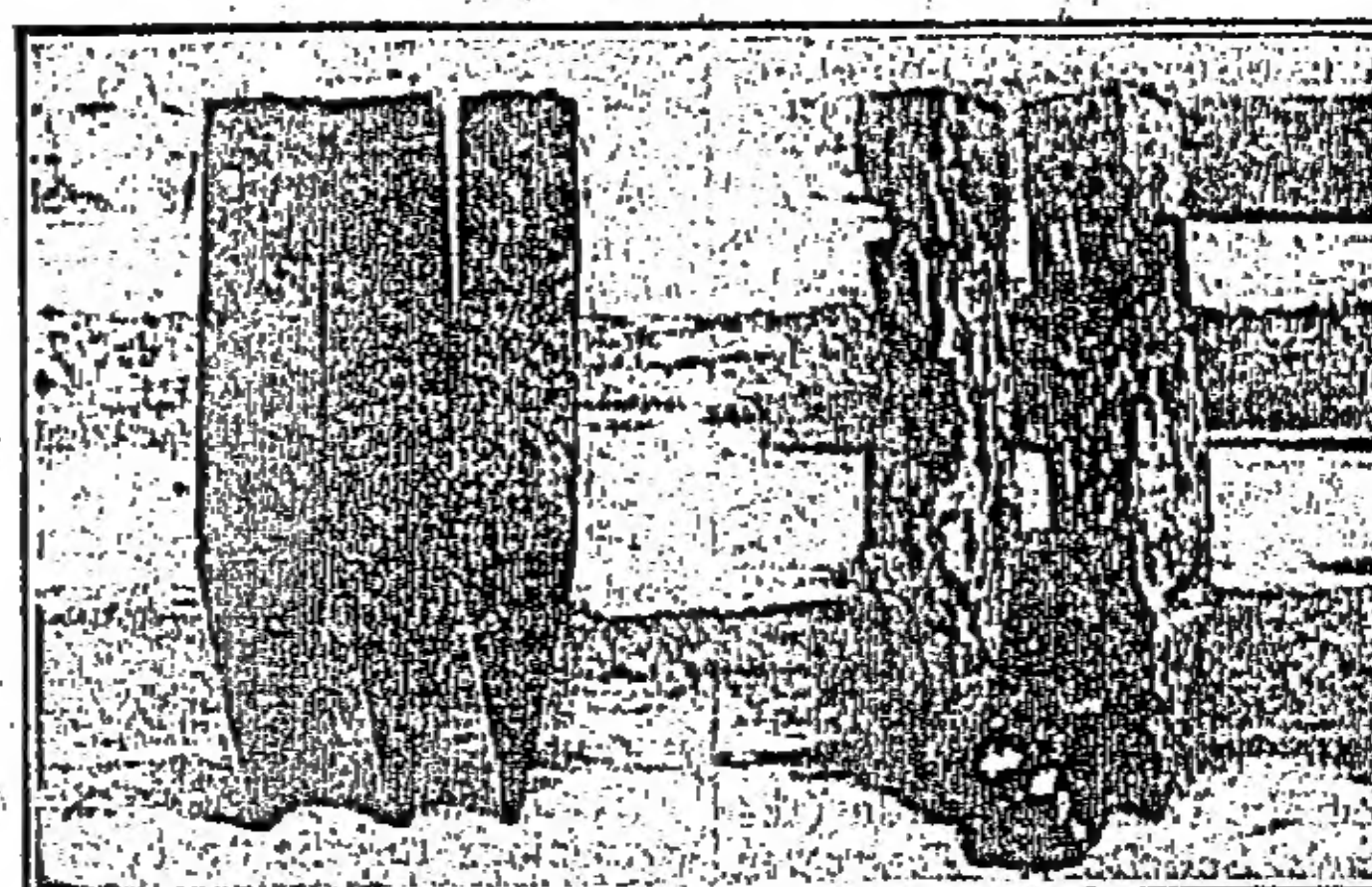
## a message from Chungking.

Martial law was proclaimed in a section of the walled city, and the Kuomintang Provincial Headquarters belonging to the right wing were ordered by the left elements of the Party to be dissolved, while the *Chungshan Jih-pao*, the *Changchiao Jih-pao*, and the *Kiangchou Jih-pao* were suppressed.

Indignant at the dissolution of the Kuomintang Headquarters, says the message, General Wang Ling-chi, Commander of the Defence Forces in Chungking tendered his resignation, but General Liu Hsiang, Tapan of Szechuan is endeavouring to persuade him to remain in office, while the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce there has also petitioned to General Wang not to resign from his post.

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## LANCASHIRE'S DILEMMA.

## FIXING PRICE OF AMERICAN YARNS.

London, Jan. 4.  
A resolution emphasizing the need for supporting a new Cotton Yarn Association which aims at fixing minimum selling prices for American yarns with power to impose penalties on defaulters.

was passed at Manchester, after address by the economist Mr. J. M. Keynes.

Mr. J. L. Tattersall, who is mentioned as the first Chairman of the Association, said that on present prices the Lancashire cotton trade was losing about £1,250,000 weekly. Another fifty mills would be required for the firm establishment of the Association. Applications for membership from Companies representing nearly 15,000,000 spindles were received.—*Reuter*.

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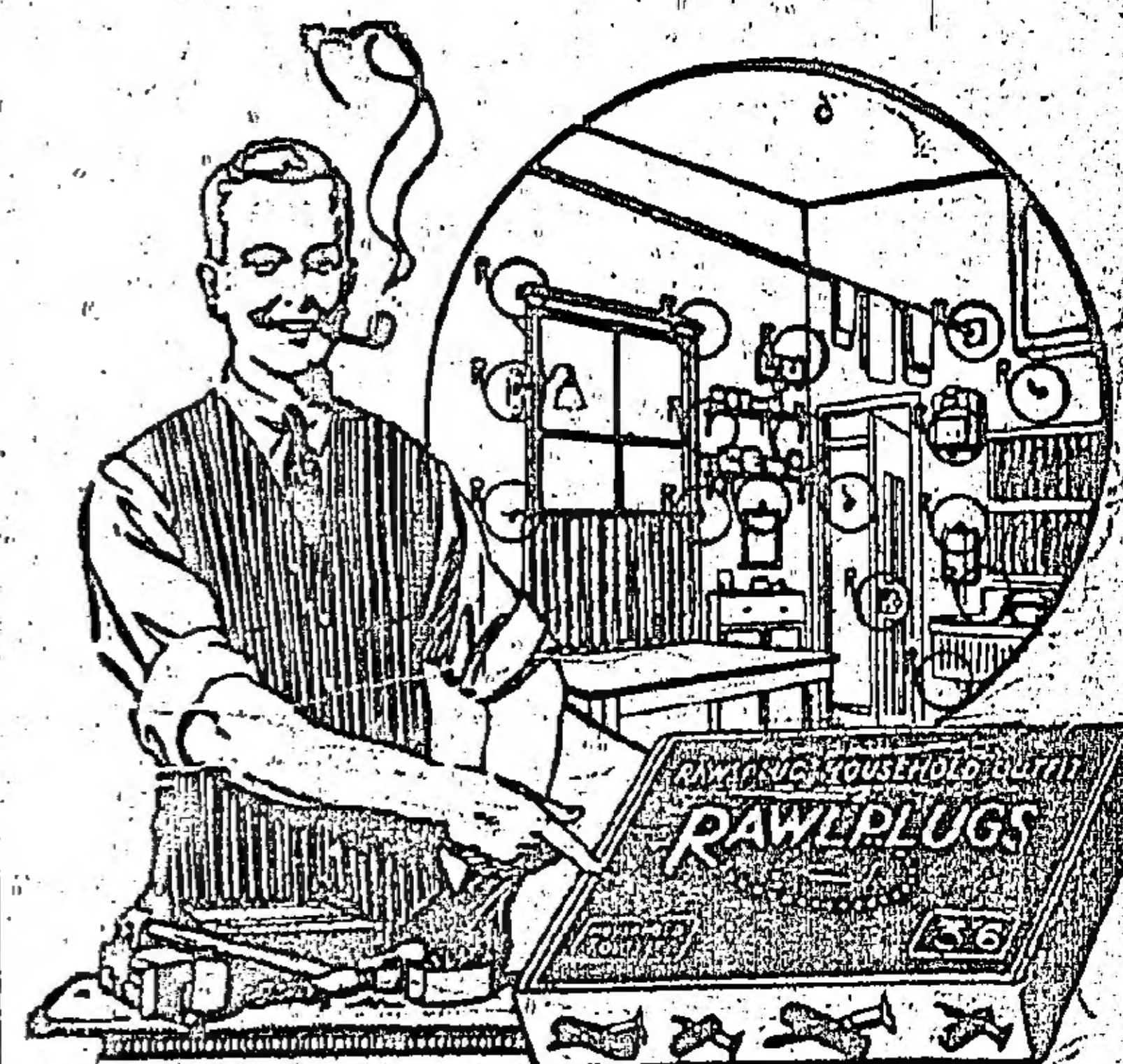
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## CHINA PROVIDENT.

### NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Another private extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, following a meeting at which the new Articles of Association were approved.

At the first meeting, called to consider the new Articles of Association, Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. A. L. Alves, (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. D. L. King (Secretary and Manager) and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (the Company's Solicitor). The room in which the meeting was held, was not large enough to hold all who wished to attend, and a number of shareholders were unable to gain admittance. There were about 120 shareholders present, among these being Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. W. J. Carroll, Mr. P. Tester, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. E. Rouillon, Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. A. Nissim, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. J. A. Tarrant and Mr. J. P. Bagram.

#### Antiquated Articles.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said: As indicated in the notice which has just been read by the Company's Secretary, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company.

As regards the Articles of Association, your late Consulting Committee, in conjunction with the Investigation Committee, have come to the conclusion that the present Articles of Association are antiquated and should be radically changed, with a view to bringing them into line with Articles of public companies generally current in this Colony, and their views have been endorsed by your present Consulting Committee.

Prints of the existing Articles of Association and of the draft new Articles of Association have, as indicated in the notice convening this meeting, been open for inspection by shareholders at the Company's registered office, and there are also copies of both the existing and the draft new Articles of Association on this table, which, if any shareholder desires, he may inspect.

#### The Chief Alterations.

Under the draft new Articles of Association, the following are the more important of the alterations of the existing Articles:

1. In Article 1 various new interpretation clauses have been introduced declaratory of the Companies Ordinance and by way of interpretation of the Articles.
2. Article 3 is declaratory of the Companies Ordinance and states that the Company cannot purchase or lend on its own shares.
3. Article 5 is declaratory of the Companies Ordinance.
4. Article 6 gives power to pay a commission for placing shares.
5. Article 7 states that shares may be issued subject to different conditions as to calls.
6. Article 8 makes provisions as to payment by instalments on allotment of shares.
7. Article 9 deals with the liability to joint shareholders.
8. Article 11 provides for the sealing and signing of share certificates.
9. Article 14 provides for the payment of a fee on issue of new certificates in place of old ones.
10. Article 15 provides for the delivery of shares in joint names.
11. Article 16 is declaratory of the Companies Ordinance.
12. Articles 19 and 20 provide for the giving of notice in respect of calls.
13. Article 23 makes provision for proof in cases where calls are not paid.
14. Article 29 and 31, deal with the forfeiture of shares.
15. Article 37 provides that dividends on shares shall not be paid where the member is in default.
16. Article 38 provides for the mode of signing transfers.
17. Article 41 provides that no transfers shall be made to an infant or person of unsound mind.
18. Article 42 provides that transfers must be left at the Registered Office of the Company together with the certificates as proof of title before the transfer.
19. Article 43 provides for payment of a fee on the issue of new certificates.
20. Article 47 (b) provides for the withholding of dividends in certain cases.
21. Article 63 deals with subdivision of shares.
22. Article 64 makes provisions for the modification of rights of shareholders.
23. Articles 55 to 60 deal with the borrowing powers of the Company.

24. Article 64 enables the Company to call two meetings by one notice.

25. Article 66 deals with the business of yearly meetings.

26. Articles 71, 74 and 75 make provisions for voting and the holding of polls.

27. Article 76 varies the voting powers of shareholders.

28. Article 78, 80 and 81 contain special regulations in respect of voting.

29. Article 87 provides for the appointment of Directors in place of the Consulting Committee.

30. Article 89 fixes the Directors' remuneration at \$7,000 per annum to be divided between them as they shall determine. The present remuneration is \$5,000 per annum.

31. Articles 109 to 118 make provisions for the appointment of a Managing Director and General Agents in place of General Managers.

32. Articles 116 and 117 vest important powers previously exercised by the General Managers in the Board of Directors.

33. Articles 123, 124 (c), 125, 127 (b) and 130 make special provision in respect of dividends and the retention thereof.

34. Articles 131 (b), 132, 134 and 135 are Articles dealing with the accounts of the Company.

35. Article 136 provides for one or more Auditors.

36. Articles 141, 142, 143, 148, 149 and 150 make special provisions as regards the notices to members.

37. Article 151 contains special provisions as to imparting information.

38. Articles 152 and 153 make provisions for liquidation and winding-up.

39. Article 154 makes special provisions as regards arbitration.

40. Article 156 deals with the individual responsibilities of the officers of the Company.

I do not think there is anything further with which I need deal at this meeting, but if any shareholder would like to ask any questions or seek any explanation, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer such questions and give such explanations to the best of my ability.

If no questions are asked or explanations sought, I shall assume that you approve of the draft new Articles as presented, and will thereupon propose the resolution regarding the same which is set out in the notice convening this meeting.

#### Number of Directors.

Mr. J. M. Alves said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. First of all, I wish to compliment the Company on the New Article No. 136 in foreseeing and providing for the eventualities, which is sure to arise sooner or later, for having only one firm of auditors dealing with the Company's books.

In connexion with article 87 I beg to propose the following amendment: "Unless otherwise determined by a general meeting, the number of Directors—including the Chairman, of the Company—shall be not less than three and not more than 9"—instead of 7.

I am of the opinion that the composition of the Board of Directors of this Company should include as many persons as possible who are in a position to bring in or influence business in the interest of the Company. We should have on the Board various business interests such as regular importers of rice, flour, sugar and other staple articles.

To have all these interests represented on the Board the number of Directors increased to 9 is not too many. There should be no particular hurry for the Board to be fully constituted. But by adopting this amendment we give power to the Board to take advantage whenever an opportunity presents itself to add to its number such influential persons as judged advisable for the good of the Company.

Should the above be adopted and passed, then of course the remuneration of Directors under Article No. 89 will be altered from \$7,000 to \$9,000.

The Chairman: Before putting the resolution, I should like to say I think Mr. Alves' suggestion is a very good one and we are quite willing to accept it. I will now propose: "That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

Mr. A. L. Alves seconded.

#### The General Agents.

Mr. W. Morley: Under Article 109 the Directors will be given power to appoint the general agents. Will the present Consulting Committee be Directors under the new Articles of Association, and will you give this meeting an assurance that the first general agents will only be appointed after approval of the

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shareholders at a meeting called for that purpose has been obtained?

The Chairman: Mr. Morley, I am afraid we cannot do as you wish. This meeting is called for one purpose only, and I cannot put anything else to it except that dealing with the Articles.

Mr. Morley: Do you wish an amendment to Article 109?

The Chairman: Yours is not an amendment at all.

Mr. Morley then proposed an amendment to Article 109 by the addition of the following words: "Providing that in the case of the first appointment of the Managing Director or Managing Directors, and or General Agents, the Directors shall only appoint the same after an ordinary resolution of the Company has been passed in general meeting sanctioning the pro-

posed appointee or appointees and the proposed terms and conditions of employment." (Applause).

Mr. E. Rouillon seconded the amendment.

Mr. Alves' amendment was seconded by Mr. N. M. Currie.

On being put to the vote, Mr. Morley's amendment was lost by 91 votes to 20, whilst Mr. Alves' amendment added to the resolution, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, That closes the business for which this meeting was convened, but as you are aware the notice convening this meeting also convenes a second extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of confirming the special resolution. As indicated on the notice this second meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th, at 2.30 in the Press representatives then left the afternoon and I shall be glad to see you.

Mr. Croucher: Who decided that the meeting should be private?

The Chairman: It is a private meeting.

Mr. Croucher: Then I hope the Press representatives will take a note of that please.

Nothing further was said, and the Press representatives then left the meeting.

if you will all kindly attend the same.

Private.

A second extraordinary general meeting was then held. The Chairman announced that it was a private meeting and asked the Press representatives present to retire.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher: Is the Press retiring?

The Chairman: The meeting is a private one.

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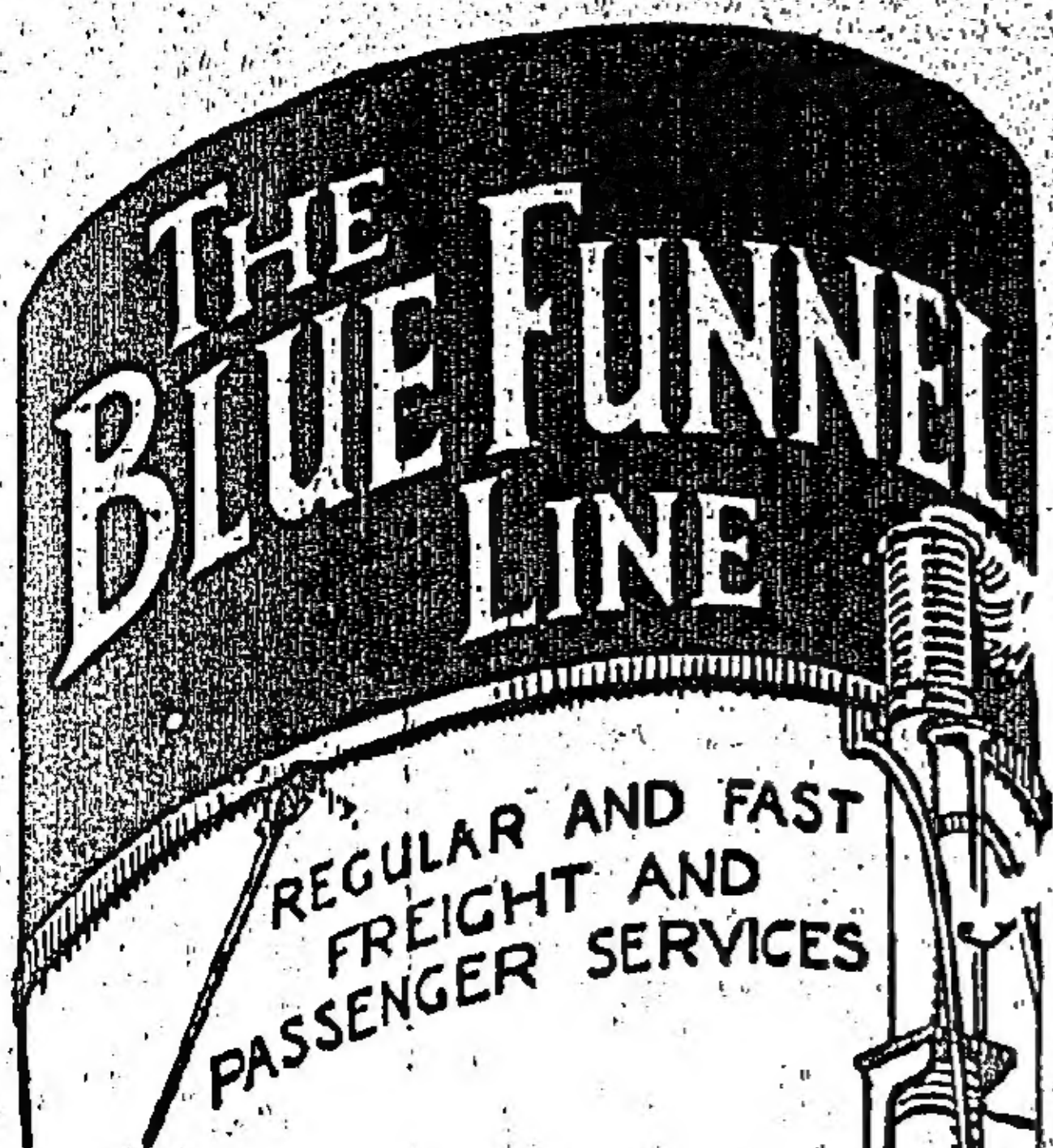
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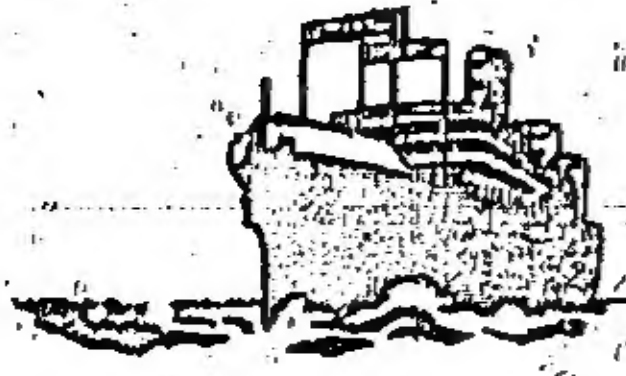
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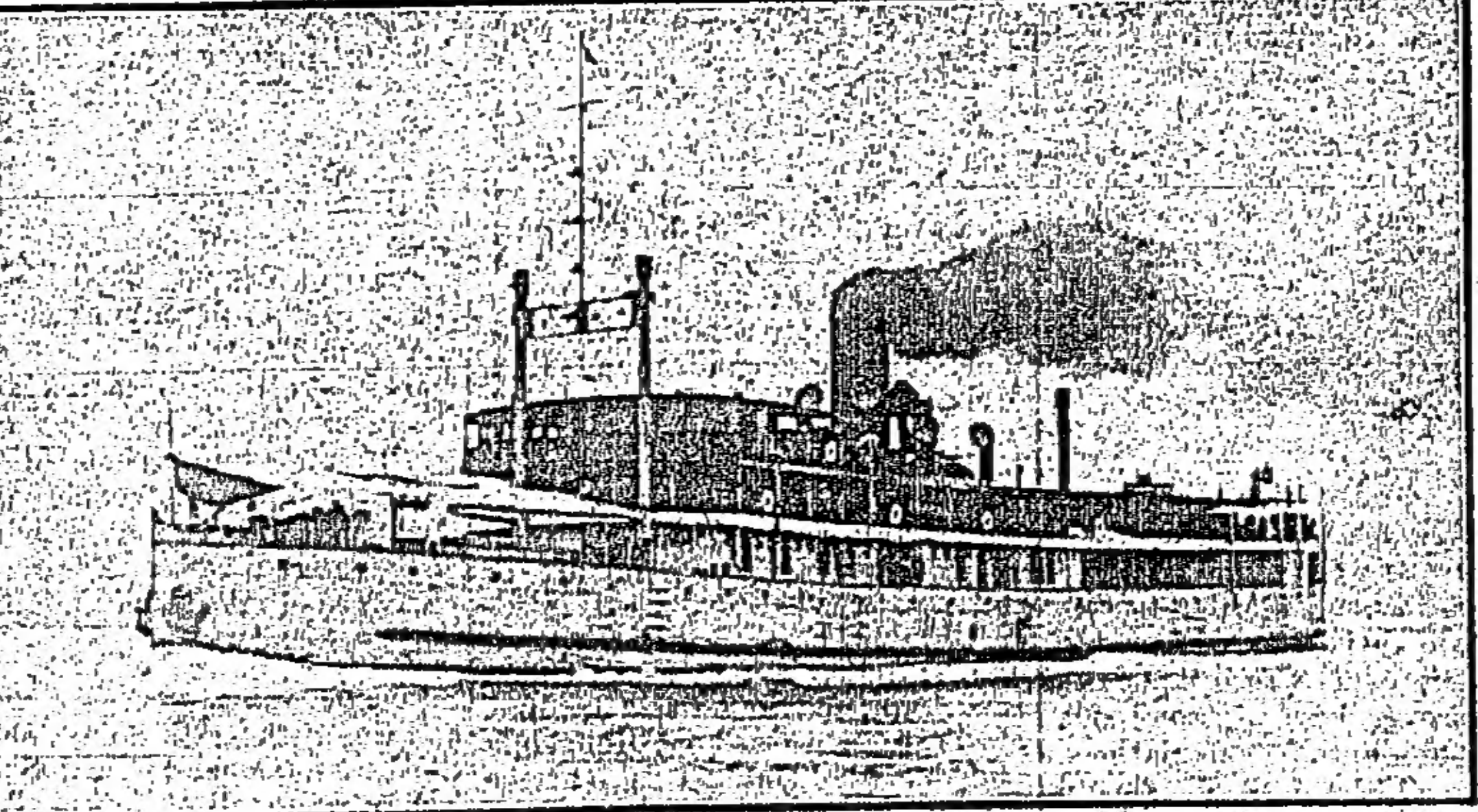
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the ground that the Prefect of

Police had exceeded his powers in

making the regulation, has acquit-

ted a chauffeur summoned for

leaving his vehicle on the "even"

side of the street on an "odd" day

of the month. The Prefect of

Police will appeal.

#### THE S.P.C.A.

INSPECTORS' WORK DURING

DECEMBER.

The report of the work of the

Inspectors of the Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,

forwarded by Sir Henry Pollock,

the President, is as follows:

Transport.

Poultry, crates ..... 3543

Poultry on trucks and lorries, ..... 218

crates ..... 218

Poultry by rail, crates ..... 132

Pigs on trucks and in baskets ..... 1223

Pigs by rail ..... 93

Cattle ashore ..... 247

Cattle in junks ..... 286

Sheep and goats ..... 232

Ponies in junks ..... 23

Cats in market, Taipe ..... 46

Dogs in market, Taipe ..... 46

Imports.

Poultry, crates ..... 3418

Pigs ..... 1673

Cattle ..... 2506

Sheep and goats ..... 1011

Cages of birds ..... 79

Monkeys ..... 15

Snakes, baskets ..... 29

Cats ..... 13

Owls ..... 10

Lynx ..... 20

Ponies ..... 44

Exports.

Poultry, crates ..... 159

Pigs ..... 392

Cattle ..... 143

Sheep and goats ..... 8

Cats ..... 23

Monkeys ..... 7

Lynx ..... 20

Visits.

Markets ..... 92

Birdshops ..... 24

Dogs home ..... 51

Landing places ..... 72

Railway stations ..... 85

Dealers shops ..... 85

Pig pens, Yau-mat ..... 3

Poultry depots ..... 123

Cattle depots ..... 21

Miscellaneous.

Ignorant cruelty cases corrected ..... 20

Markets watched, times ..... 53

Ferries watched, times ..... 54

Case investigated on report re-

ceived ..... 1

Dogs received in home during

month ..... 13

Dogs claimed in home during

month ..... 10

Dogs sold in home during month

..... 1

Dogs destroyed in home during

month ..... 8

#### BRITISH TRADE.

#### INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Rugby, Jan. 4.

The determination to make the

present year as notable for in-

dustrial peace and prosperity as

last year was the reverse, con-

tinues to be expressed by leaders

among employers and the em-

ployed.

With the support of many in-

dustrial organisations, an institute

has been formed for "the study of

the fundamental problem of the

industrial age." Its promoters,

including prominent figures in

commerce and labour, intend to

establish an independent organi-

sation of sufficient authority to

enable all parties to co-operate

with them in establishing the

facts of any question.

The Premier in a message on

trade prospects states that he has

no fears of British productive

capacity, since the will of man-

ufacturers and workers is undim-

inished, but he urges modernisation

of the existing methods.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in a

New Year's message described

himself as an unreformed apostle

of industrial peace, which alone

makes possible the realization of

Socialist ideals. Reconstruction,

he says, comes by creative effort

and not by class war.—British







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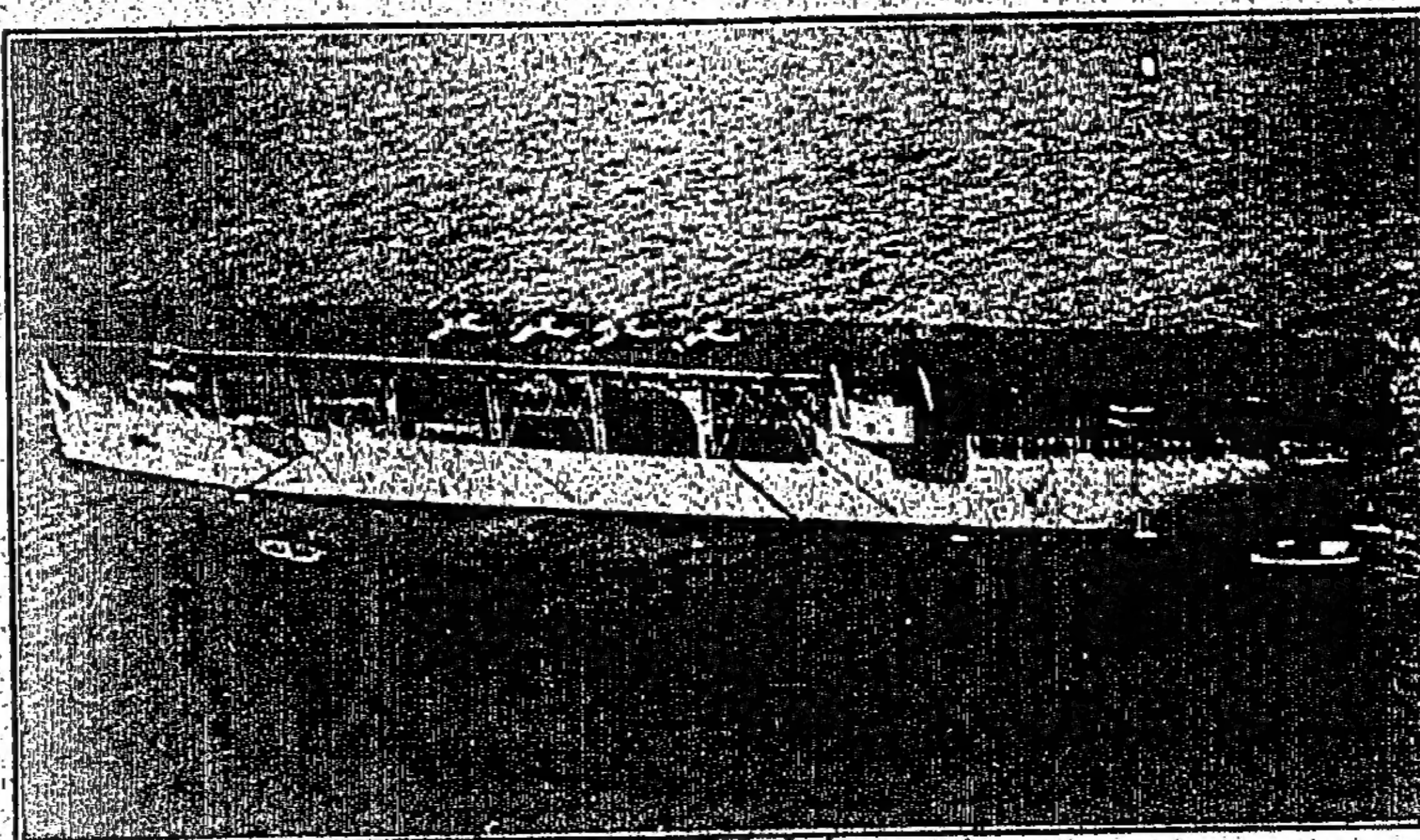
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## AEROPLANE S LAND ON FLOATING AERODROME.



This picture shows aeroplane on platform after landing on the deck of the U. S. aeroplane  
carried on Langley near San Diego.

## APPEAL COURT.

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mitted that that finding still further influenced the case in favour of the Bank. He would submit that the Bank was entitled to success, altogether apart from any question of negligence, as his Lordship had, in fact, found that the obliteration of the number was caused by the plaintiff.

## RESPONDENT AND APPEAL.

Dealing with the points in the judgment he had cited as being in favour of the Bank, Mr. Potter remarked that there was no appeal on behalf of the respondent against any of those findings.

The Chief Justice:—It is very difficult to know how the respondent could appeal.

Mr. Potter:—They have the same right as we have.

The Chief Justice:—But still, after all, the judgment is in his favour, and he doesn't want to appeal against that.

Mr. Potter:—That may be, I won't say anything against that.

He went on to say that they had a respondent with most important findings against him. He thought, however, he would satisfy their Lordships sufficiently to get the judgment reversed, because every one of the points taken in the judgment were expressly taken on the Bank's pleadings which was a matter of some importance.

He asked their Lordships to bear in mind those findings of the judgment because they had a most important bearing upon the decision which should be given.

Mr. Potter then proceeded to elaborate his opening submissions, the first being that a banknote was a negotiable instrument which fell within the provisions of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance. He said where a bill was materially altered without the assent of both parties liable on the bill, the bill was void, and he put it to their Lordships that there was not a word in that Section about accidental alteration, or what was to happen if the alteration was accidental. He would submit that if they considered the word "without the assent of parties" that was the rule of the Common Law, because, granted there was an alteration in a bill or document of any material part, one could always prove one of two things—either that the alteration was not in existence before the document was actually signed, or it was altered subsequently with the assent of both parties.

Replying to the Chief Justice on the point, Mr. Potter said it was the duty of the holder to preserve the instrument intact, and granting a material alteration, that seemed to close the matter, unless they could prove it was made before the instrument was signed, or it was assented to afterwards.

The case is proceeding.

## GENERAL GALENS.

## IS HE RUSSIAN OR AUSTRIAN?

Commenting on the respect shown by the Kuomintang leaders to General Galens, the N. C. Daily News says:—"A personality such as this could not but arouse the curiosity of the White Russians."

who naturally try to keep an eye on the ascending or descending fortunes of the proletarians who have come into power in their country. And from this the interesting piece of information evolves that Comrade Galens is probably not a Russian at all, but an Austrian. No officer of the name of Galens seems to have figured in recent years in the Russian Army, either White or Red, but there is some record of an Austrian officer of that name having been taken prisoner during the war and who had a striking career subsequently.

"When the revolution took place in Russia certain captured officers organized Austrian and Polish contingents with the object of the overthrow of authority in their countries, and among them was one Galens. What his rank was we do not know, but apparently he was an outstanding man so far as military affairs were concerned, and it is suspected that this is the same man who is now or has been recently lording it at Kiukiang."

## LATEST PIRACY.

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## NOT DISPERSED.

This is the first actual piracy, in which a steamer has been taken to Bias Bay, since the Sunning outrage. It will be recalled that subsequent to the latter piracy, efforts were made to secure co-operation between the Canton and Hongkong authorities for a joint expedition against the Bias Bay pirates, but that the Canton Government preferred to act on its own. Chinese troops are stated to have been sent to the district, but it would appear from the facts now reported that the pirates still have their stronghold in the locality and that they have not been dispersed.

## GRAVE HANKOW HAPPENINGS.

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authorities sent troops to restore order and the mob eventually dispersed.—British Wireless.

## SERIOUS INCIDENTS AVERTED.

Hankow, Jan. 3.

In connection with to-day's incidents on the Bund, it transpires that at 5.15 the crowds closed in within two feet of the marines, who displayed exemplary patience. Agitators from points of vantage, urged the crowds to rush the marines, making the greatest efforts to create an incident by forcing the sailors to fire.

About 6.30, Chinese military arrived and took over the job of holding back the crowd in front of the barricade.

The situation at 7 o'clock was still very menacing, the crowd in front of the Customs House showing no signs of diminishing.

The Consul General was then in touch with the Chinese authorities.

At 7.15, Kuomintang officials made speeches from the British barricade, and urged the crowd to disperse. The crowds agreed if the British forces were retired. It was finally agreed that the British forces would fall back to Ewo Road, and they gave up the barricade. There were no signs of the mob dispersing at 7.30.

## Later.

The vicinity is now peaceful, as the crowd retired from the Bund at eight to-night to the Fung Tseng Road, where for twenty minutes there was a serious situation. The Chinese chief of police stated it was impossible for the crowd to retire owing to too much pressure from behind, and asked the commander of the marines to allow the masses to pass through the barricades and up the side streets, he guaranteeing there would be no incident. The masses were allowed to pass under these conditions.

The lantern procession demonstration passed off peacefully. It was attended by huge crowds. Two were killed in the crush, and many were injured.

Attempts by agitators to obtain recruits to swell the masses on the British Bund failed.

The Volunteers and marines are still standing by.—Reuter.

## SILVER OUTLOOK.

MESSRS. MONTAGU AND COMPANY'S REPORT.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and company's silver report, dated December 1st says:

Since Saturday, Indian orders for shipment to Bombay to-morrow for the December settlement in that city have been in evidence, and prices have therefore been inclined to sag. Today distinct signs of weakness set in from that quarter, probably as a consequence of the disquieting state of affairs in China. Beside forward sales on Indian account, some of the silver purchased for this week's shipment was resold and the premium on spot silver was reduced to 1/16d.

The question, whether the critical situation at Hankow has a bearing upon the silver market is necessarily a matter of interest. This would depend largely upon the gravity of affairs and upon any extension that might take place to other localities than Hankow.

The Chinese people are peaceful and law-abiding, and not ill-disposed toward foreigners save under what they may consider provocation, so that, it is reasonable to infer that the area of disorder will be confined to the places where Chinese military operations have been in being, unless of course umbrage be taken at any steps that may be necessary to protect the life and property of foreigners, and unless the Chinese elsewhere should consider such acts as an aggression. Hence, the question of the security of the stock of silver at Shanghai does not at present appear to enter into consideration.

Arrest of upcountry trade, however, at a time when remittances would normally be required for Hankow is of more immediate importance, as also is the probability of a further increase in Shanghai stocks—already considered unduly large—owing to silver being sent in for safe custody.

The tendency therefore would appear to be for Shanghai stocks to lose some of their raison d'être—namely the financing of trade. Though in such circumstances silver might not—at first at any rate—be exported to India or elsewhere for realisation, shipments to China might be diverted to India and other centres, and less disposition shown to make fresh purchases in London and the United States.

Further, silver markets generally, might preserve a bearish tendency so long as there was cause for anxiety as to the course of events.

## IN CANTON NOW.

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Canton were terrorised by the tyranny of the soldiers; now they are living under the tyranny of the workmen. The soldiers at least respected the heads of large commercial concerns, but the workmen delight over the departure of those who give employment to their fellow-men. Such a state of affairs portends no good, and if left to the unbridled passions of the ignorant masses led by unscrupulous agitators, serious trouble looms ahead. It was learned, however, from the responsible authorities that adequate measures are soon being taken, and when everything is ready, a move will be made simultaneously by the military, navy and the gendarmes.

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## MUTUAL FAULT FINDING.

T. U. C. AND MINERS' FEDERATION.

Rugby, Jan. 4.

The long-postponed inquiry into the general strike of last May is to be held on January 20th.

It will be recalled that the coal stoppage began on May 1st, and that a general strike was declared by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress as from midnight, May 3rd. The general strike was called off by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress on May 12th, and the coal stoppage continued until it collapsed at the end of November. Shortly after the general strike came to an end, the Miners' Federation and the more extreme sections of the Labour movement demanded an inquiry with the object of arraigning the General Council on a charge of having betrayed the workers. The General Council agreed to the holding of such an inquiry by the responsible leaders of the Trades Unions.

It is stated in Labour Circles, however, that at the inquiry, the General Council will not be found standing on the defensive but will, on the contrary, deliver a long indictment of the leaders of the Miners' Federation. It will set forth in detail the repeated occasions on which the miners' leaders rejected advice and ignored or demolished every bridge for a settlement which the Trades Union Congress leaders had laboured to build, while at same time expecting the Council to be always ready to take action in their interests.—British Wireless.

## BEGGAR ROUND-UP.

NEARLY SIXTY SENT AWAY.

So many complaints have been received from residents regarding the nuisance caused by the presence of beggars in the streets of the Colony, that it will be learned with interest that fifty-nine mendicants who were rounded up during the holidays were deported from the Colony this morning in one lot. A police launch took them to Deep Bay, in Chinese territory.

Sergeant Nolloth informs us that this large number of mendicants was collected from all districts of the City as a result of a special campaign organised by his department. For one day all activities against unlicensed hawkers, which come within the everyday routine work of the subordinate police officers, were entirely suspended whilst all hands were set to in what has been described as a big clean-up. Busy thoroughfares in the central and outlying districts were scoured from end to end, and in course of time the department's bag of beggars numbered just one short of sixty. Some of these were recognised as

## FORGED NOTE.

PRESENTED FOR CIRCULATION.

The detection of a forged banknote, which was tendered on Sunday night, led to the appearance, before Mr. T. W. Worth, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, of a man charged with the offence of uttering a forged note and of possession of a note, knowing the same to be forged.

Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the defendant. Evidence was given to the effect that the defendant tendered a note at the Circus booking office, the purchase of three tickets receiving the note, the collector immediately detected a difference between the note uttered by the defendant and a genuine note. The note was handed over to police and later sent to the court for examination.

Mr. J. B. Milne, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, testified to the note being a forgery in reply to Mr. d'Almada that it was quite a clever forgery. Mr. d'Almada, on applying, remained to call witnesses for defence, said that his client, a partner of the contracting which erected the shed used by the circus. The head of the was away and the defendant collected various debts, including part of the sum due from the Circus. The note in question received by the defendant in payment of a debt.

The defendant was remanded until to-morrow.

## MR. AUGUSTINE BIRRELL'S CONFESSION.

OPENS HIS SEALED MOUTH.

An interesting confession made by Mr. Augustine Birrell recently when presiding at luncheon in the Savoy Hotel to wish "voyage" to Captain Osbert St. John, who is sailing for America, was present included Mr. Wells, Mr. Arnold Bennett, Wimbome, the Marquis of Brookborough, Sir Edmund Gosse, du Maurier, and Mr. H. G. Wells.

"At the age of 60, which I feel 16 years ago," said Mr. Birrell, "my mind was hermetically sealed against the literary men of my own generation. I had my own bookselves, and I cared a damn for nothing." (Laughter.)

"After a bit, however, I perceived that was folly. I unsealed my mind and listened to the coming of the future, and I came to the conclusion that perhaps they were doing something in it."

being confirmed offenders, much so that in one case, it was ascertained that the offender had turned no fewer than twenty times to the Colony.